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I want to imply a sense of depth and intrigue in my work, layering paint and collage materials with successive applications of self-leveling medium creates the illusion of “seeing through” the layers.

Colour and shapes are inspiring for me, as are hard edges juxtaposed with softer gradations, and balancing colourful complex design with calm space. The Contrast and Harmony effect.

The exploratory freedom that abstract design offers me to express my love of colour, form and line within the basic formal principles is the predominant factor in my creative process.

I endeavour to make organic imagery and elegant geometric arrangements co-exist peacefully in the confines of my compositions and so encourage the viewers to move in closer for a more comprehensive look.

 As the eyes of the viewer wander about the painting, pausing along the way to take in a detail or a shape that is pleasing to them, they are welcome to make their own narrative based on a memory or concept the painting evokes.