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Homeward Bound

Day after day people all over the world have someplace called home. For many, home is full of happy memories already made and still to come. A home is filled with colour, shape, space, light, shadow, smell and sound. Many of these same elements are employed in the series Homeward Bound.

Colours and shapes cluster and separate within a two-dimensional picture frame. Light and dark values bring attention to one element and another. A rhythm or pattern or motion is formed. Together these elements create a painting. Although these paintings are largely experimental, the elements employed are familiar to me. They are inspired by my home. I have explored the view out my window and the everyday objects within. I have observed how the gardens are planted and how the objects are arranged and stored in the home.

In each painting I consider *a way in* much like a welcome to a visitor at the door. I make marks and shapes and layers and place elements and remove elements within the canvas to create an inviting space to the viewer. I intuitively make relationships between colours, edges and little details. These relationships engage me in the process and ultimately the viewer who brings their own experience to the painting making it complete.

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