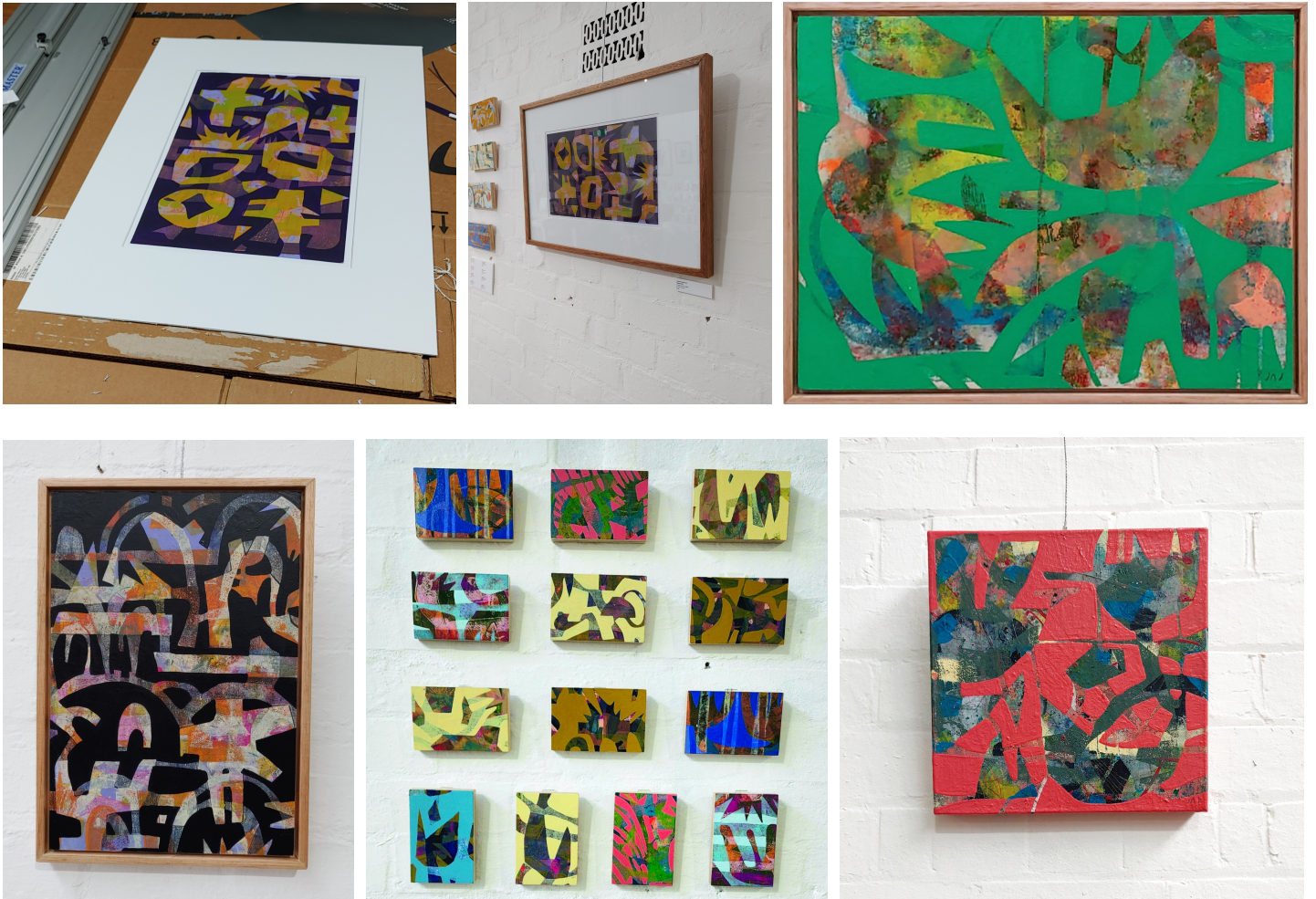


Interview with Janicke Johansen by Martine Leete from FrameCo

I wanted to get an opinion on diy framing from an artist's perspective, so whom better to ask than Janicke Johansen – artist and designer.

Janicke works with a variety of themes such as animals, plants, buildings and people, all the things she loves best. Her style can best be described as quirky, colourful and fun, combined with intense lines and colours.



FC: What sort of medium do you use to create your art?

J: I use mostly acrylic paint but also add spray paint, pencil, oil pastel and inks (also acrylic). I love to see how the mediums mix or repel each other or just add to the overall look with lots of layers.

FC: What made you decide to start framing your own pieces?

J: Mostly it was a cost issue but it has been nice to understand a new process and skill.

FC: Did you find it easy to learn to do your own framing?

J: With help from the friendly staff at FrameCo yes it was. Any minor issues I had I could discuss with Di or Trev.

FC: How many of your pieces do you frame in a month?

J: It depends if I have a show or exhibition on. At the moment not as much as I am doing more design work on the computer. Perhaps 1-2 every 2 months in a slow period and 3-5 p/mth in a busy period.

FC: What do you think has been the main benefit to doing your own framing?

J: I understand the time it takes to put together a frame and costs associated with it so I can explain to others how it works and how much it is worth it compared to cheap badly made frames. It has also saved me a lot of money and as an artist that is really important. That is also a great selling point to a customer, makes the work more authentic.

FC: Would you recommend diy framing to other artists?

J: Yes definatly. It is not too hard to work out how to do and I am terrible at maths. It also means you can work to your own hours too, also important for those who work best late at night.

FC: Thanks Janicke, it's been great catching up with you.

If you would like to see what Janicke gets up to and see some of her amazing pieces visit her website, www.janickejohansen.com.au.

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