



Date: January 14, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: John La Rock, Community Services Director

By: Monica Harte, Cultural Services Manager | MHarte@TorranceCA.gov

Subject: Community Services – Review and Provide Direction on the Selection of Artworks to be Placed on Six Utility Boxes. Expenditure: None.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council review and provide direction on the selection of artworks to be placed on six utility boxes.

FUNDING

None required.

DISCUSSION

The Cultural Services Division developed an outreach campaign to solicit artworks from artists for the Utility Box Art Pilot Program. The outreach was limited to Torrance-based artists but received minimal response. At their meeting of February 26, 2024, the Cultural Arts Commission approved extending the outreach to include the South Bay region, which also generated minimal response. At their meeting of June 17, 2024, the Commission approved extending the outreach to Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. At their meeting of July 15, 2024, the Cultural Arts Commission approved extending the outreach to include the following counties: Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Kern, and Imperial.

The Cultural Services Division posted calls to artists and received a total of 84 artwork submissions by 35 artists. The submissions were presented to the Cultural Arts Commission at their meeting on November 18, 2024. The Commission selected 13 artworks for recommendation to the City Council. The Adopted Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operating Budget includes funding to wrap six utility boxes.

Following direction from Your Honorable Body, staff will engage a vendor to convert the submitted artwork designs into dimensional vinyl wraps and to install them onto the utility boxes. Once selected, artworks can be installed within thirty days, weather permitting.

Staff recommends that Your Honorable Body review the artwork submissions, including those recommended by the Cultural Arts Commission, and provide direction for six utility box designs to be placed at the pre-selected locations in each Council District.

Artwork submissions that are not selected for the initial six locations will be retained as a catalogue of artworks available to both the City and sponsors of utility box artwork installations. Staff will also continue to outreach for additional artwork submission from artists.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Listing of Utility Box Design submissions and recommendations from the Cultural Arts Commission
2. Utility Box Pilot Program Presentation

Thirteen Artworks Chosen by the Cultural Arts Commission

First Name	Last Name	# of submissions
Dellis	Frank	2
Neli	Hanna	1
Cynthia	Nava	1
Vanessa	Andrade	5
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Collrane	Mergens	1
Rosa	Cruglez	1
Arnelle	Ngo	3
Magdalena	Latorre	2
Felicia	Arteaga	3
Emily	Kayoko Chen	1
Amber	Kiteyama-Skoien	1

Complete list of Artworks Received

First Name	Last Name	# of submissions
Holly	Milstead	1
Leland	Bourdages	1
Michael David	Walrond	9
Lainie	Charpentier	2
Felicia	Arteaga	3
Amber	Kitayama-Skoien	3
Karen	Doyle	1
Aimee	Spriggs	4
Jose	Trejo Maya	1
Ashis	Sharma	3
Gabby	Gonzalez	1
Congyu	Liu	3

First Name	Last Name	# of submissions
Amelie	Laurice	1
Dellis	Frank	2
Raphaelle	Cohen-Bacry	2
Deborah Lynn	Irmaz	1
Vanesa	Andrade	5
Dina	Cline	1
Amanda	Kruse	8
Trevor	Coopersmith	1
Hung Viet	Nguyen	1
Judy	Lange	1
Vasco	Del Rey	1
Diane	Reeves	4
Jones	Gutierrez	5
Emily	Tanaka	2
Yvonne	Rendon	7
Arnelle	Ngo	3
Magdalena	Latorre	2

Title of Work Chosen by the Cultural Arts Commission

Community
 Torrance by Neli
 Howdy Neighbor
 Torrance Natives
 Sea Creatures
 Orchids and friends
 Gabrielino/Tongva
 Social and Cultural Diversity and Inclusion of Torrance
 Untitled 1
 Vibrant Garden
 Fish Alebrijes
 Koinobori
 Where Marsh Meets Ocean

Title of Work
Point Vincent Lighthouse
Architectural Abstraction
Untitled (SHDWSOFDUST)
Juicy 1 Juicy 2
Talavera Corner Fish Alebrijes Seafood Combo
Creamii Art : Where the Marsh Meets the Ocean Busy City The Drip
Surf's Up!
I'm glad you're here Sunshine Water you're allowed to take up space
Transparencies in Time:
Flowers: Whites Flowers: Multi-color Flowers: Hanging
Able ART Work Students
Somewhere Beyond Somewhere Beyond 2 Somewhere Beyond 3

Title of Work Chosen by the Cultural Arts Commission
Catch of the day
Community Community 2
There are plenty more fish in the sea Dolphin Mosaic
"Yarn Construction" (Red white blue and pink)
Sea Creatures Blooming
Surfacing
Fearless / Now or Never It Always Seems Impossible Until It's Done Great Things Never Come from Comfort Zone Just Go with the Flow 1 Just Go with the Flow 2 Mindset is Everything We Rise by lifting others 1 We Rise by lifting others 2
Ways of Seeing
Ancient Pines
South Bay Lifestyle
mockup 1
Cracks Sidewalk Finds Exclamation Point Lake Diane
Untitled 1-5
Sun Bloom
Torrance Beach Del Amo Circle Lomita Poppies Nature Torrance Bridge Ariplane Anza Nature
untitled 2 untitled 3
Below the Surface

UTILITY BOX PILOT PROGRAM



UTILITY BOX LOCATIONS

District 1: Crenshaw and 166th St- Box ID 0037

District 2: Anza Ave & Torrance Blvd - Box ID 0008

District 3: 190th & Refinery Way - Box ID 0014

District 4: Sartori & Torrance Blvd. - Box ID 0061

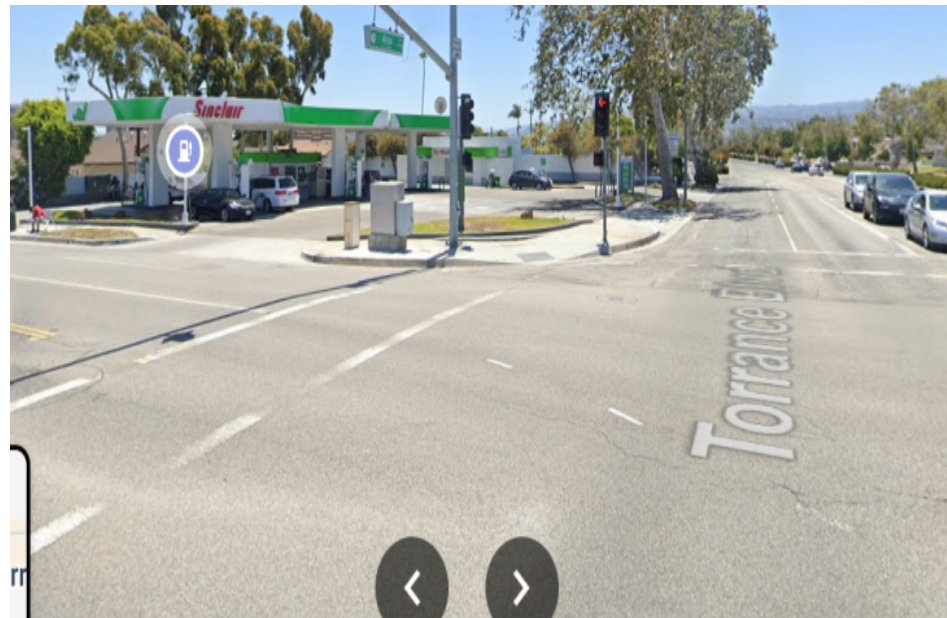
District 5: Anza & Lomita - Box ID 0042

District 6: Crenshaw Blvd. & Airport Dr. - Box ID 0045

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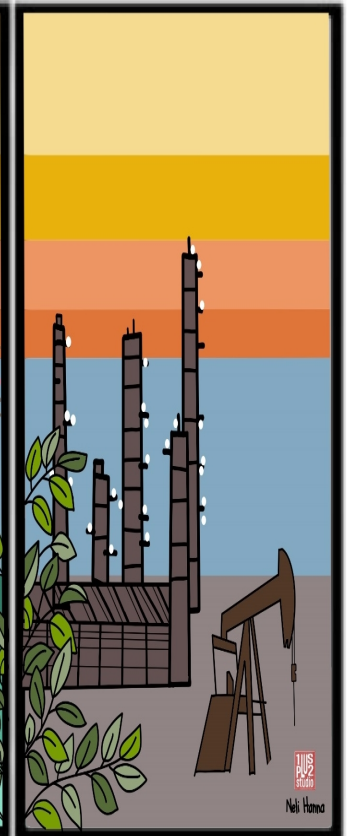
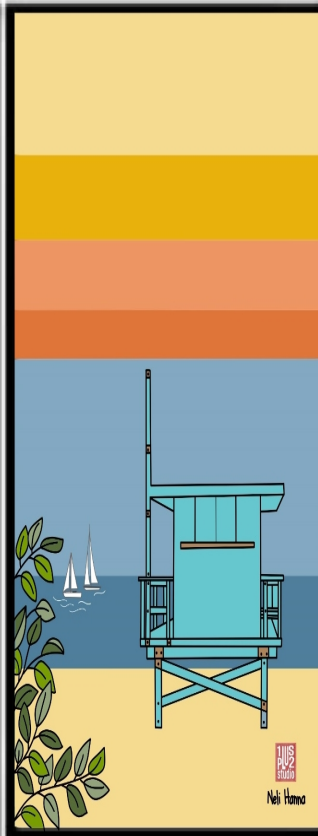


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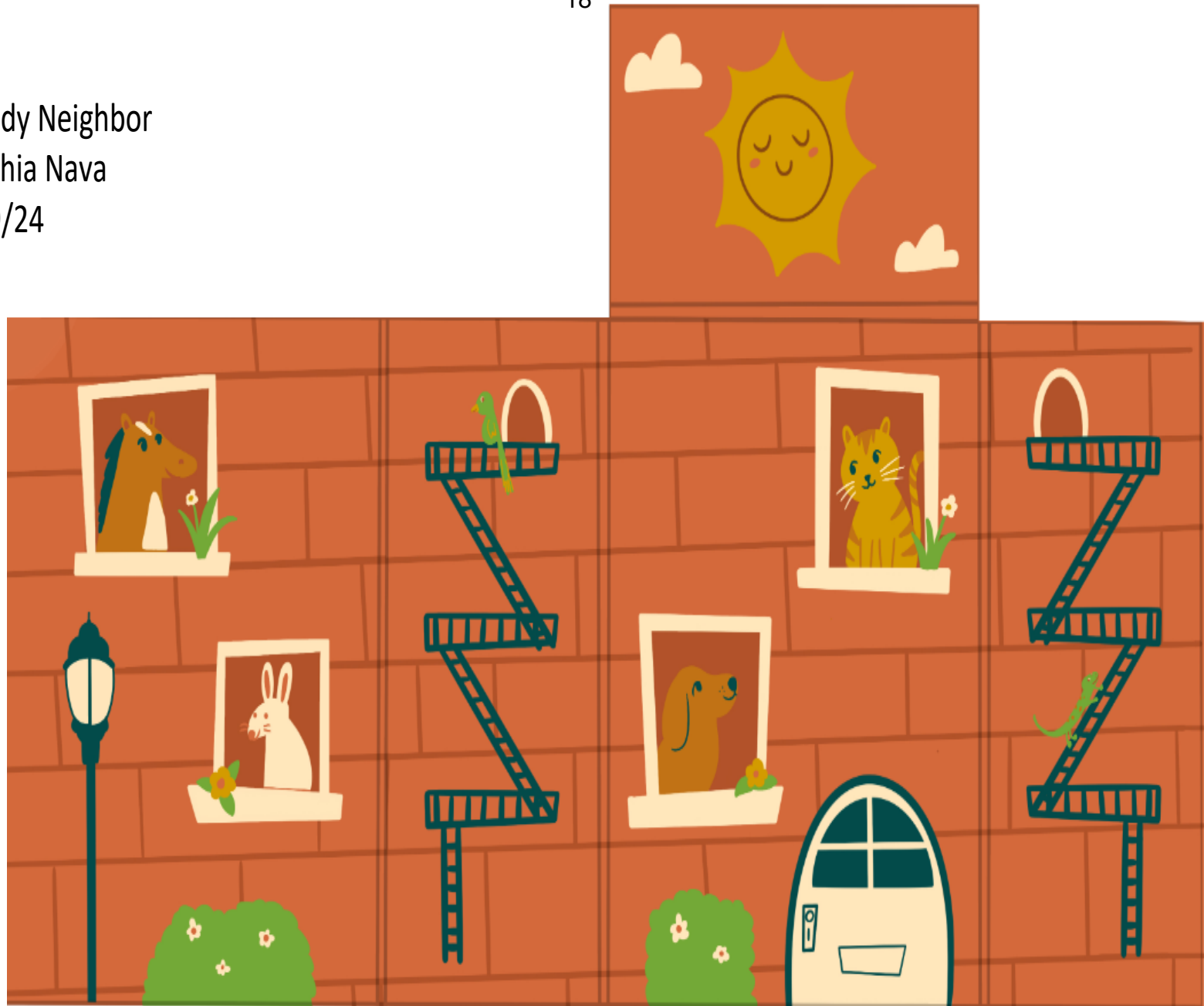
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Dellis Frank
9/08/24



Torrance by Neli
Neli Hanna
9/09/24



Howdy Neighbor
Cynthia Nava
9/09/24



Title: "Torrance Natives"

Artist: Vanesa Andrade

Utility box #0042

Location: Anza Ave. & Lomita Blvd



Title: " Sea creatures"
Artist: Vanesa Andrade
Utility box # 0131
Location: 201 Paseo de la Playa



Title: "Orchids and friends"
Artist: Vanesa Andrade
Utility box # 0035
Location: Crenshaw Blvd and
Plaza Del Amo



Social and Cultural Diversity and
Inclusion of Torrance
Rosa Cruglez
9/26/24



Untitled 1
Arnelle Ngo
9/29/24



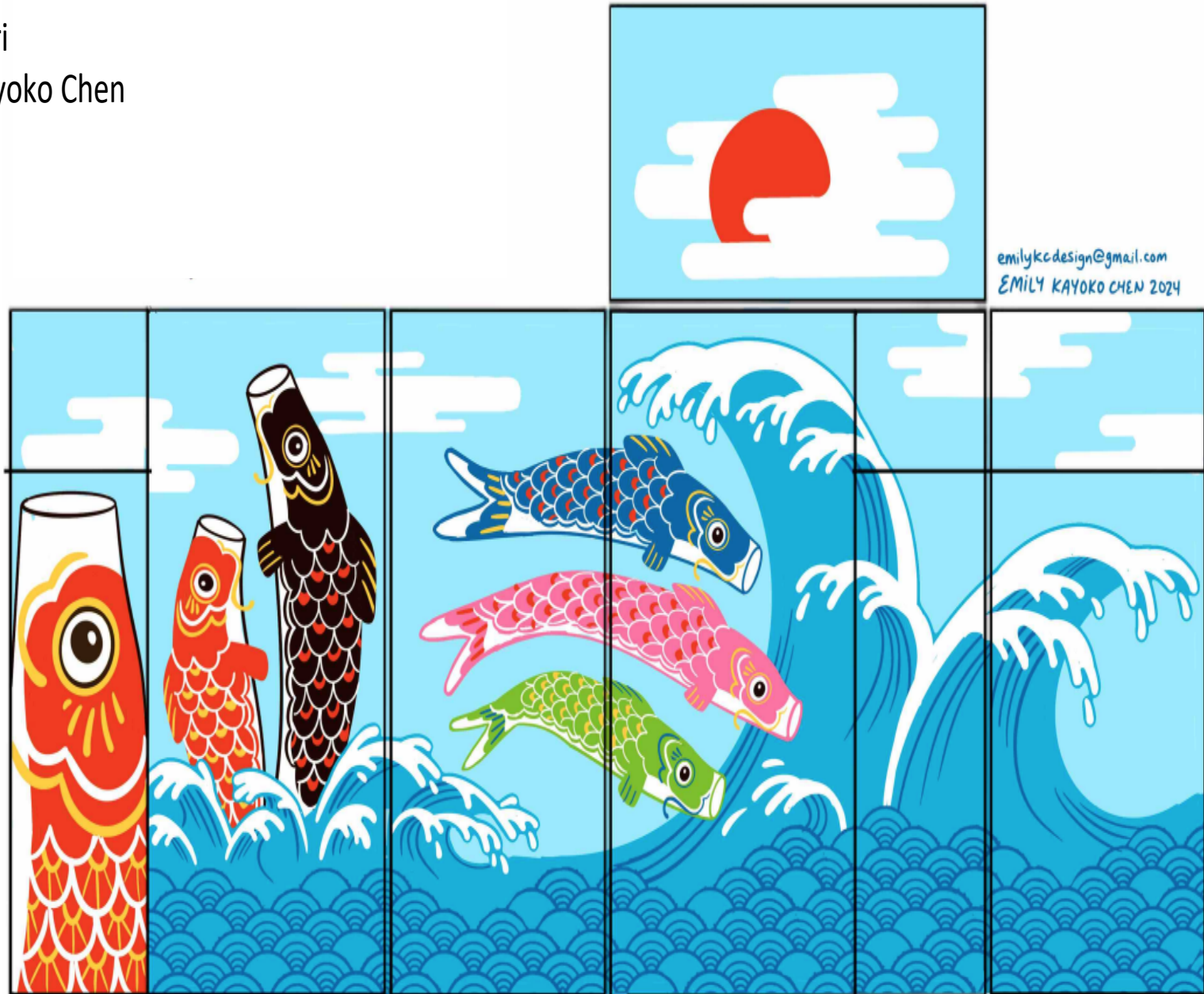
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Magdalena LaTorre
9/29/24



Fish Alebrijes
Felicia Arteaga
7/08/24



Koinobori
Emily Kayoko Chen
9/29/24



Where Marsh meets Ocean
Amber Kitayama-Skoien
5/28/2024



Gabrielino / Tongva
 Collrane Mergens
 9/19/24



**ADDITIONAL
ARTWORKS
SUBMITTED**

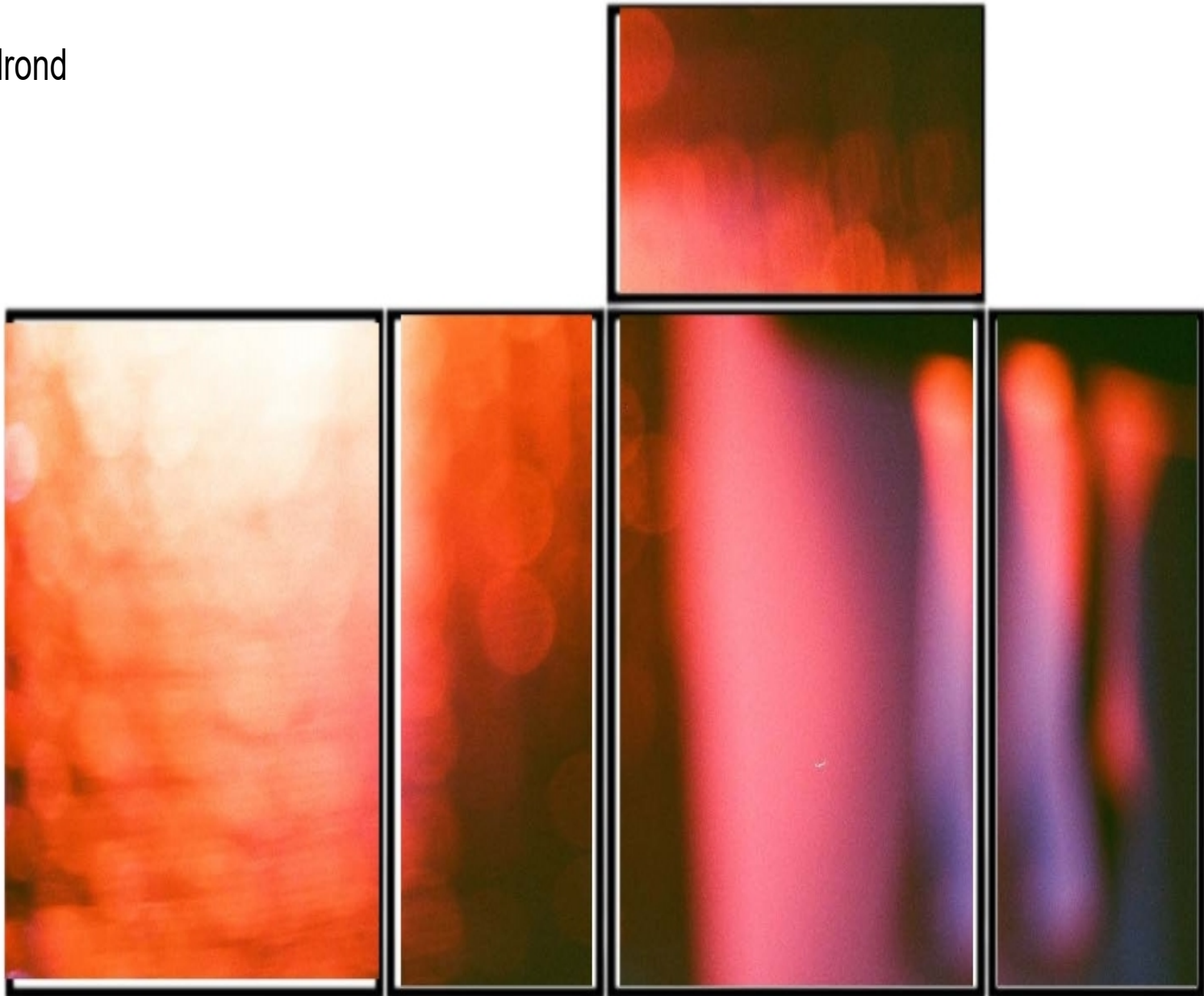
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Point Vincent Lighthouse
03/01/2024



Architectural Abstraction
Leland Bourdages
5/12/2024



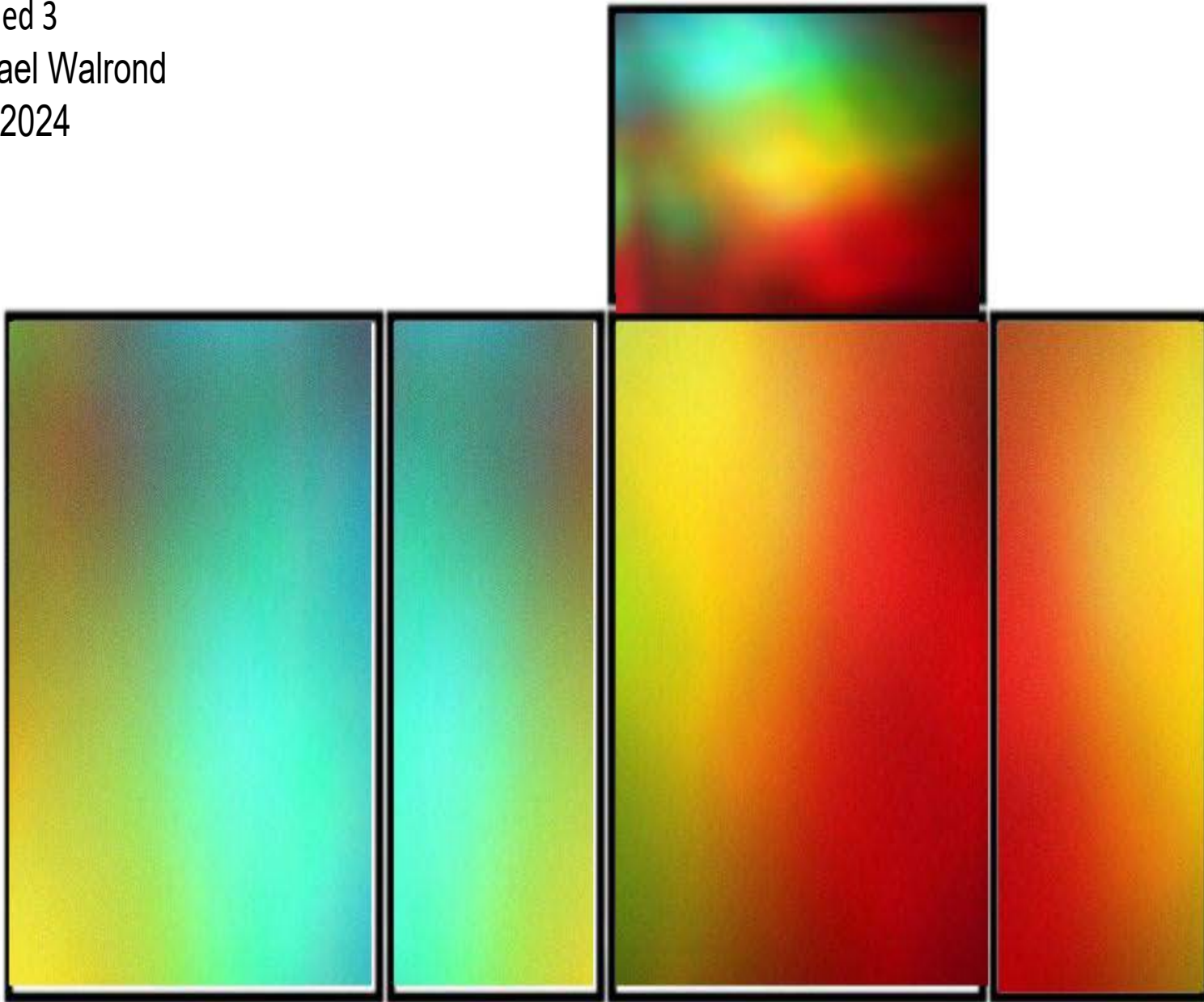
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Michael Walrond
5/18/2024



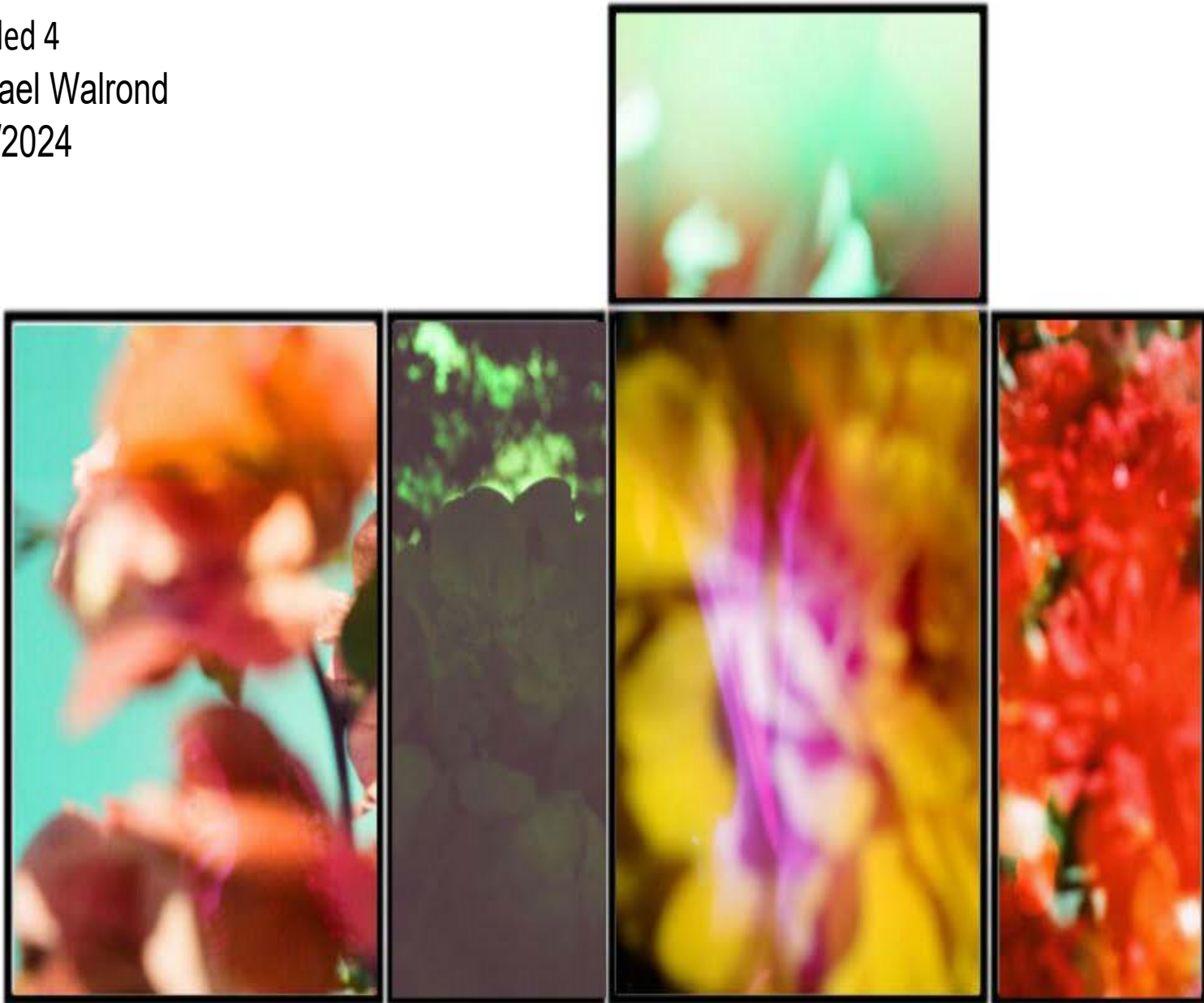
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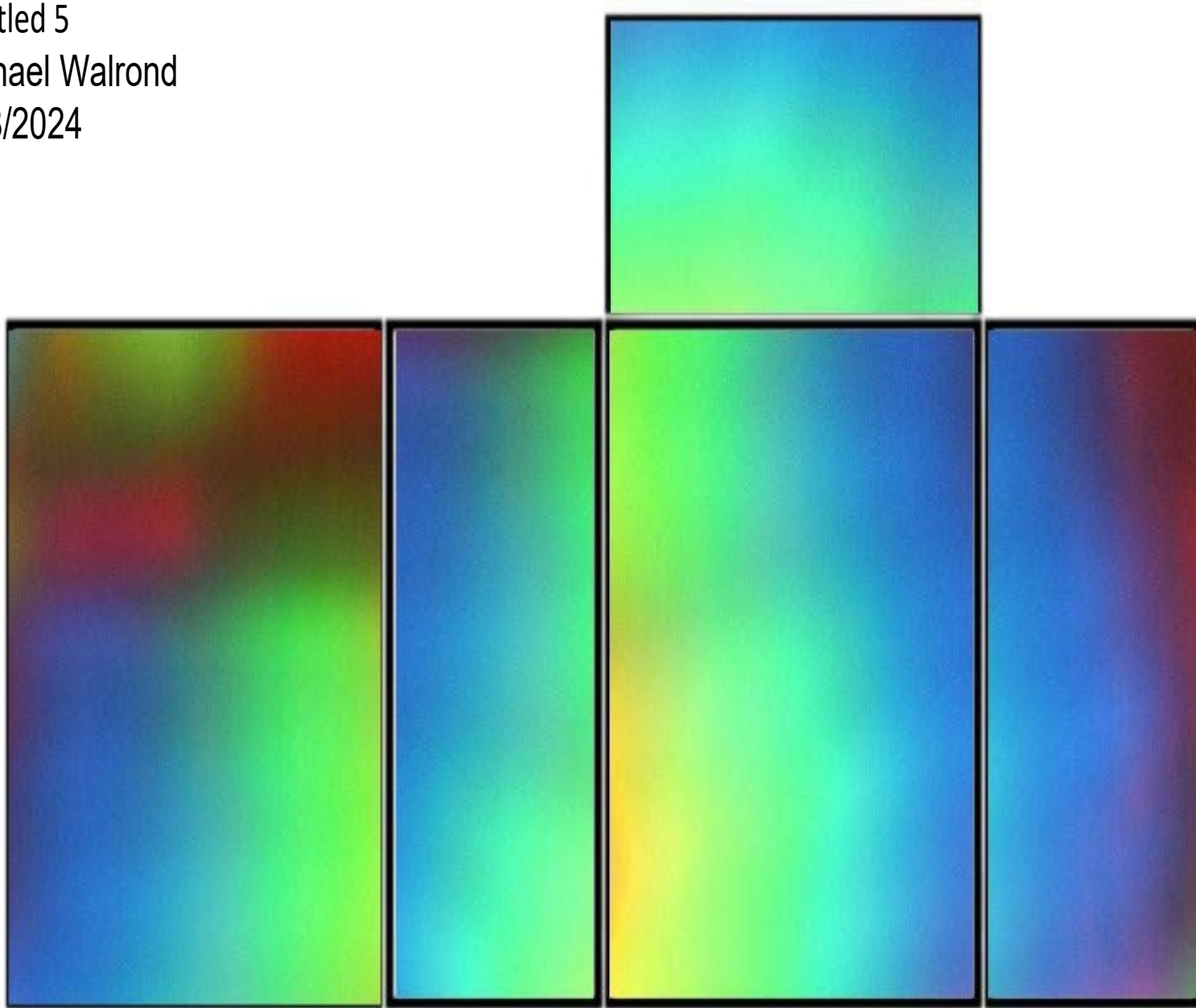
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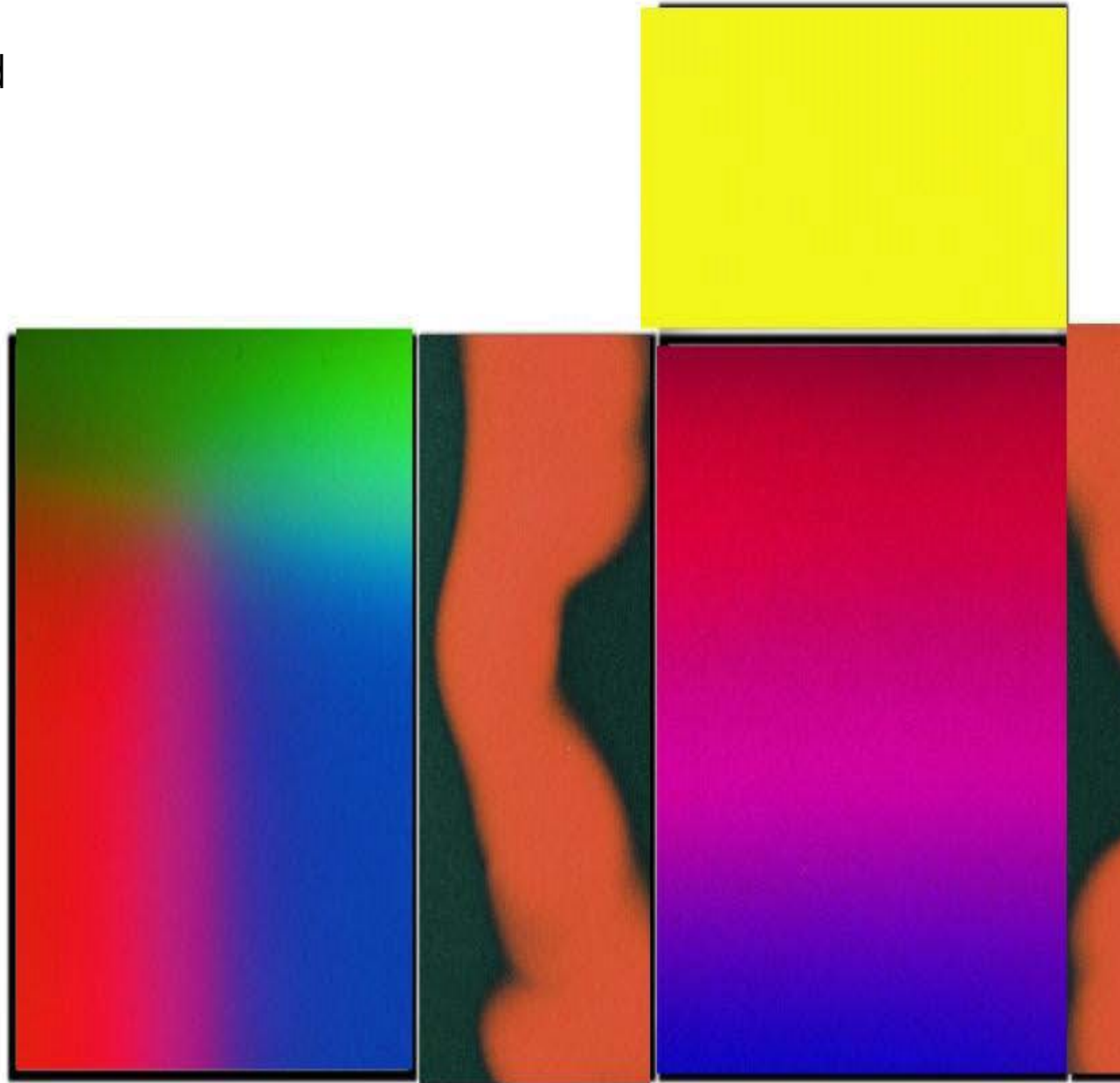
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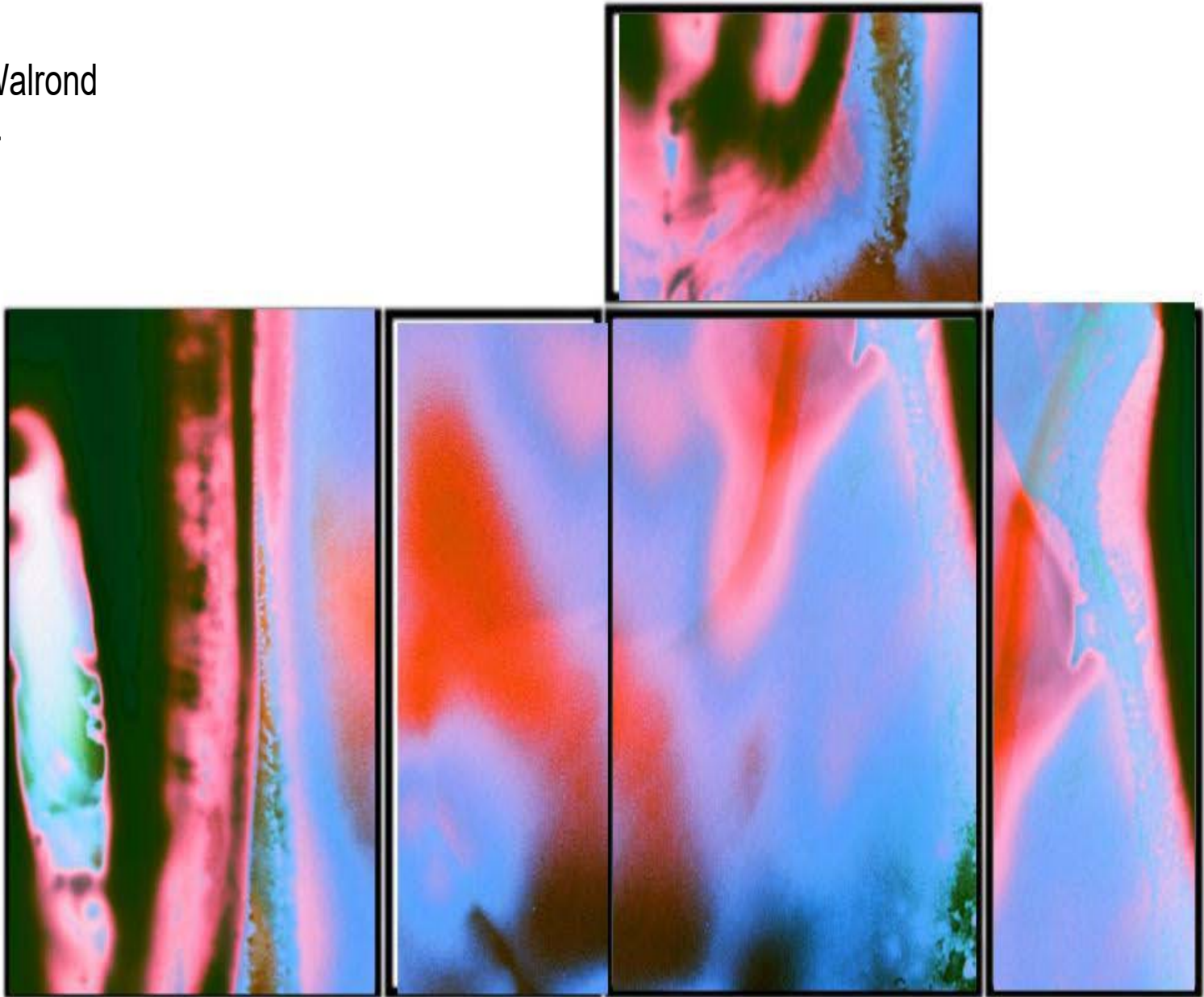
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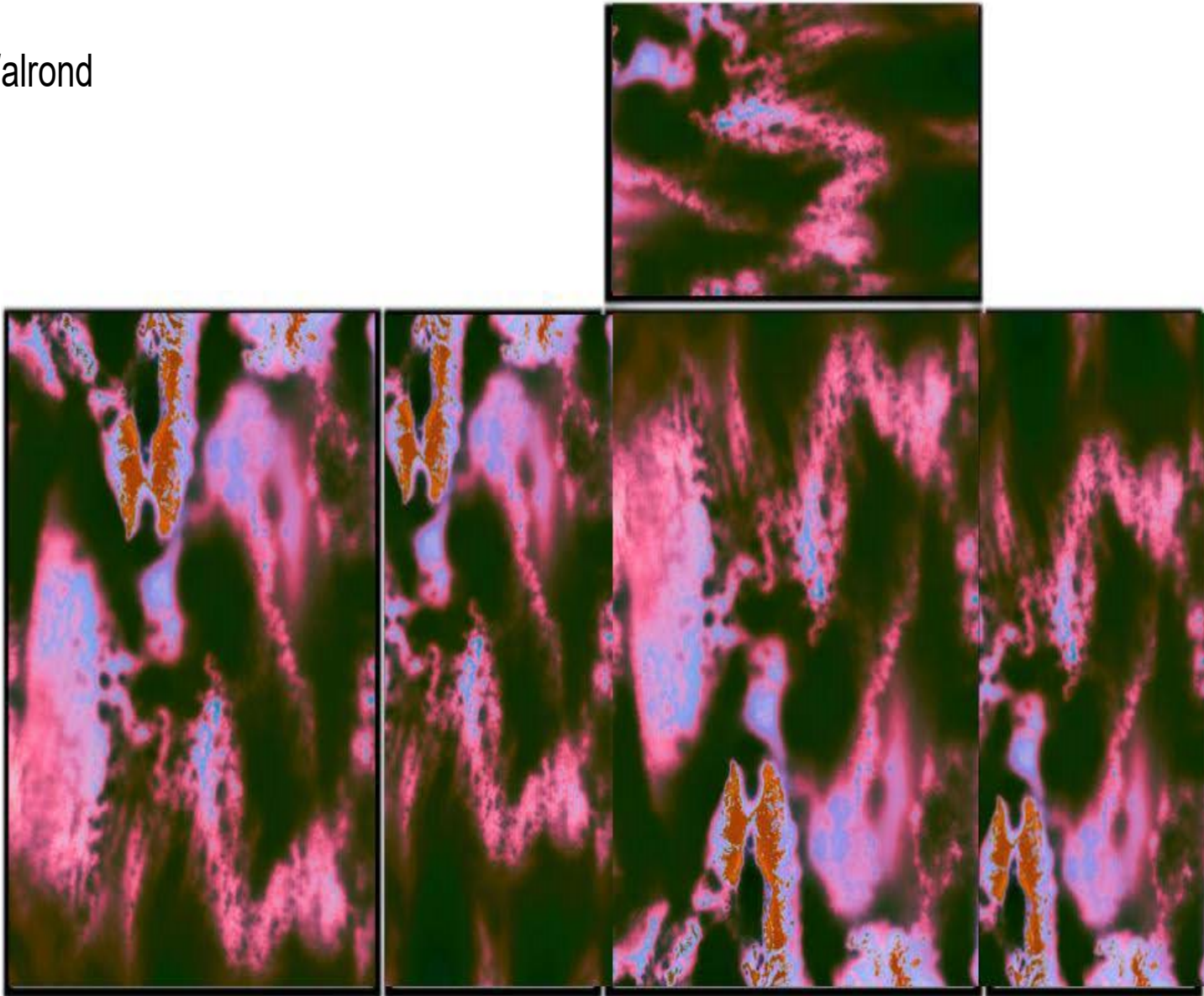
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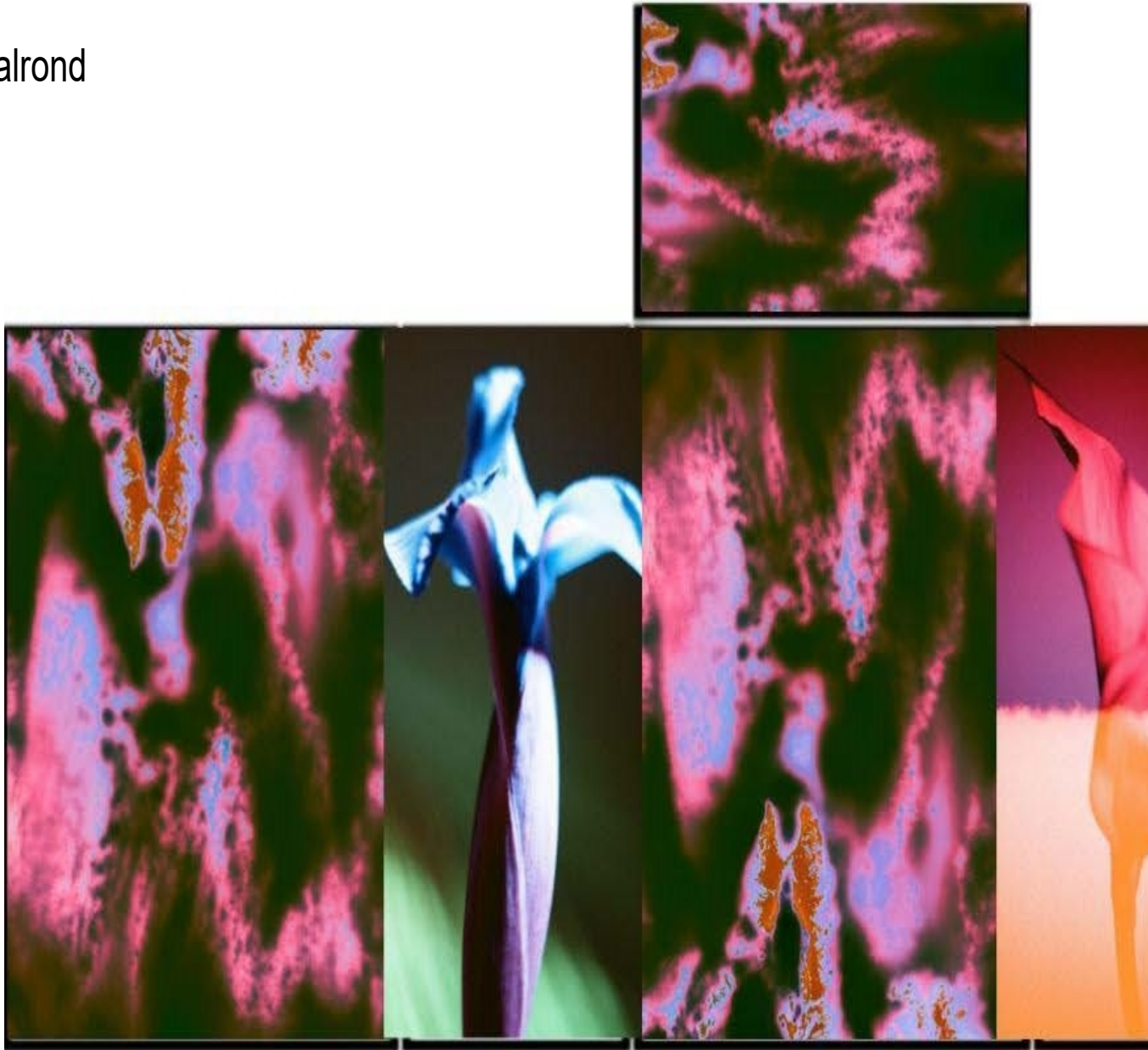
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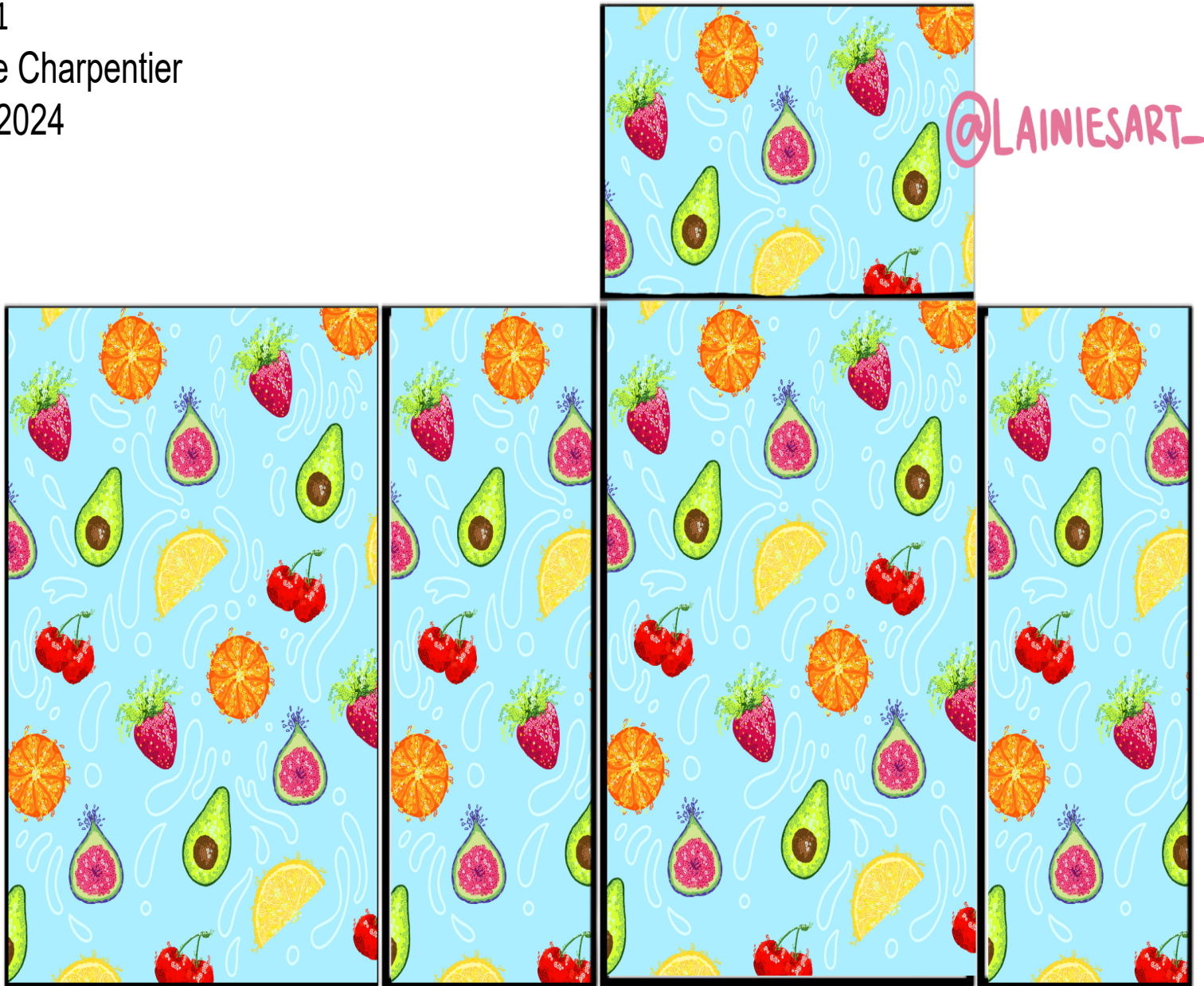
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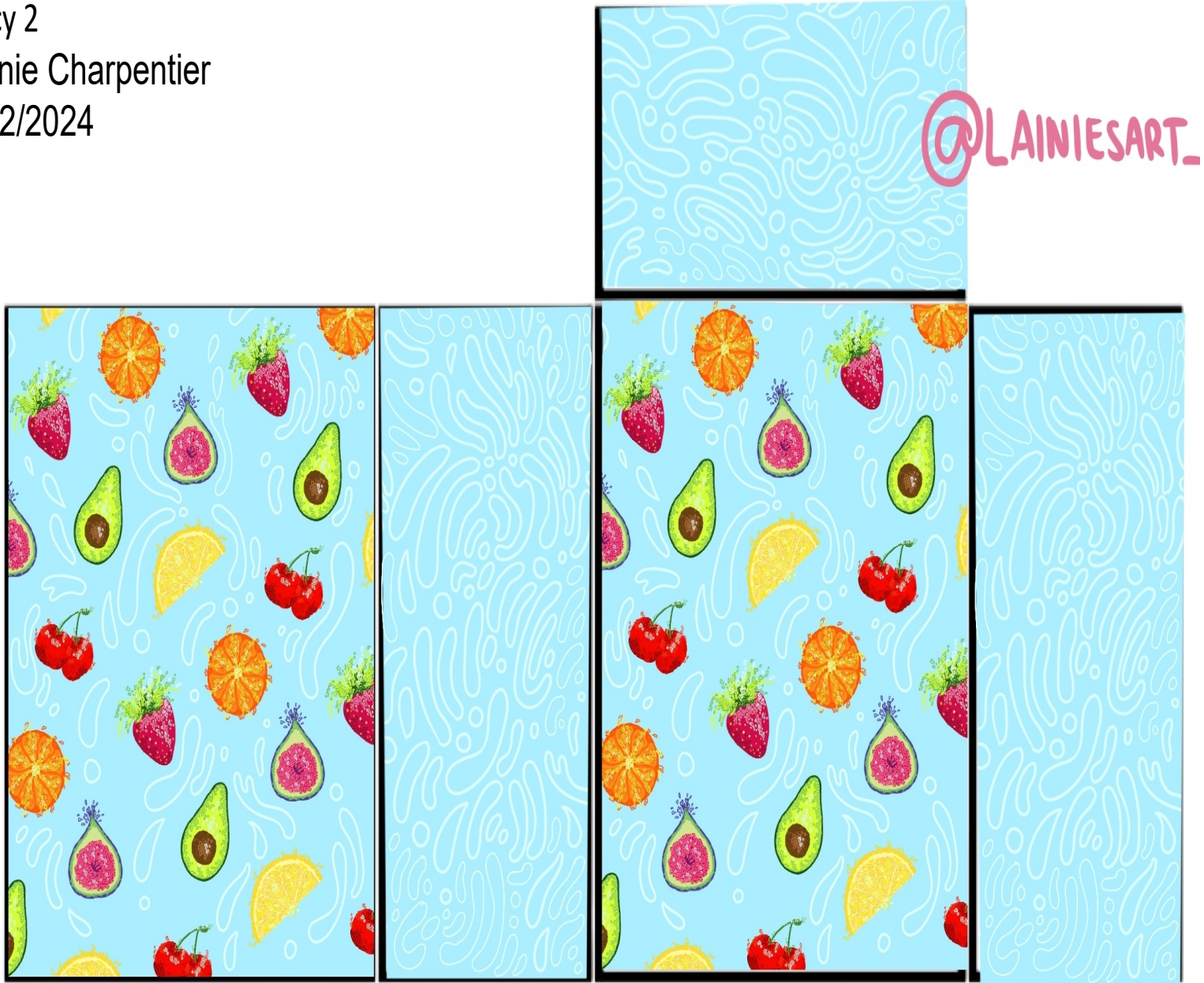
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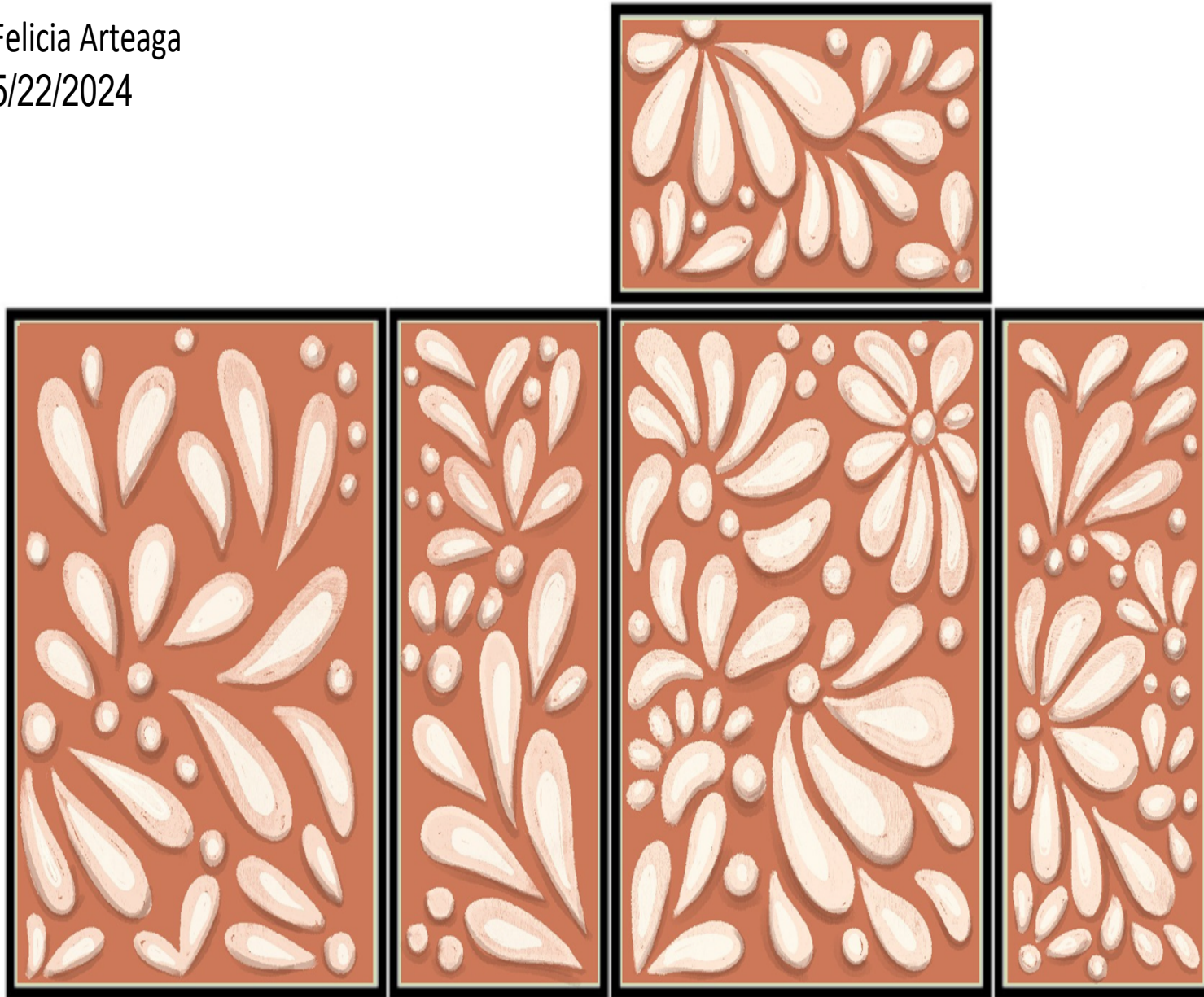
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Lainie Charpentier
5/22/2024



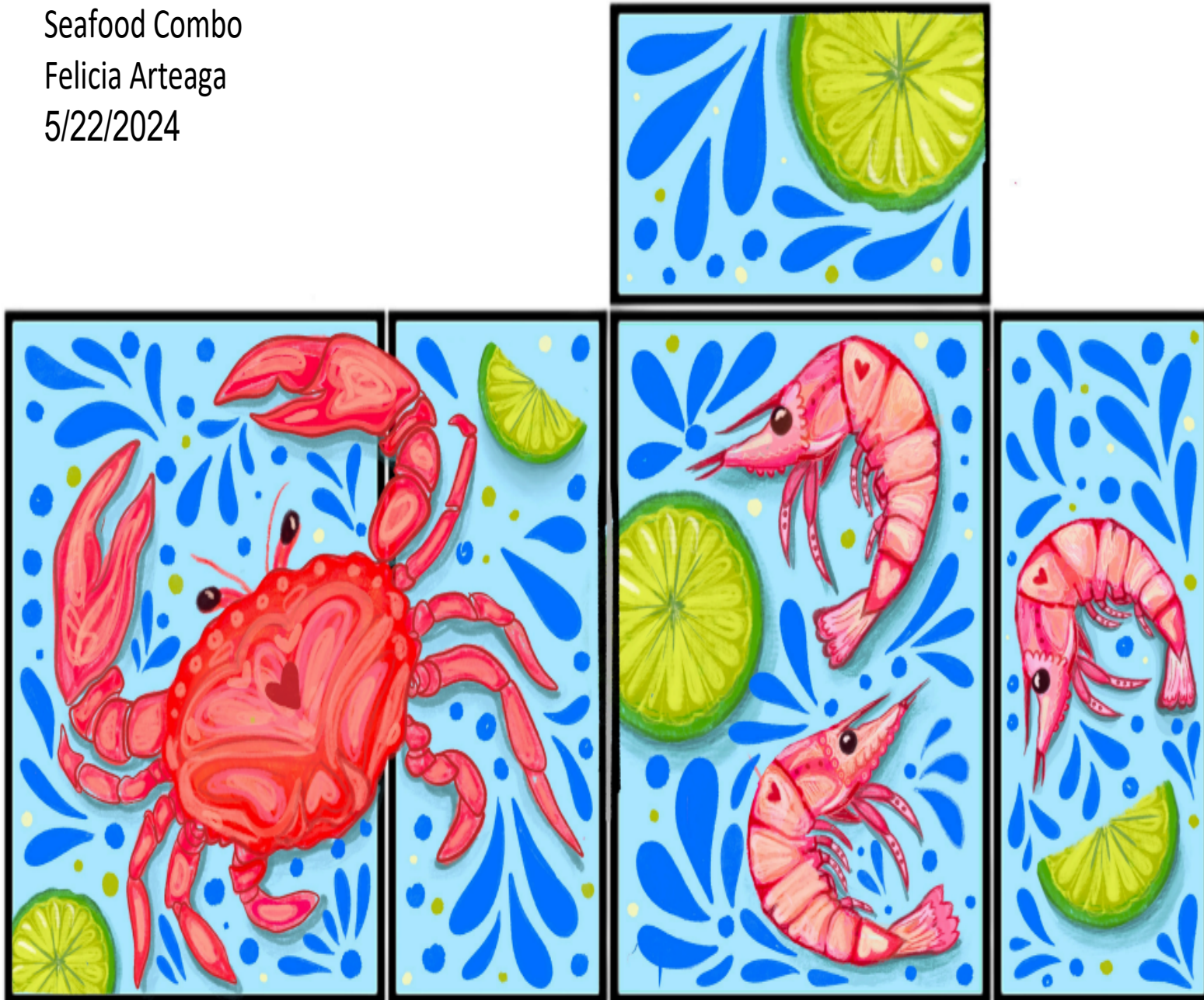
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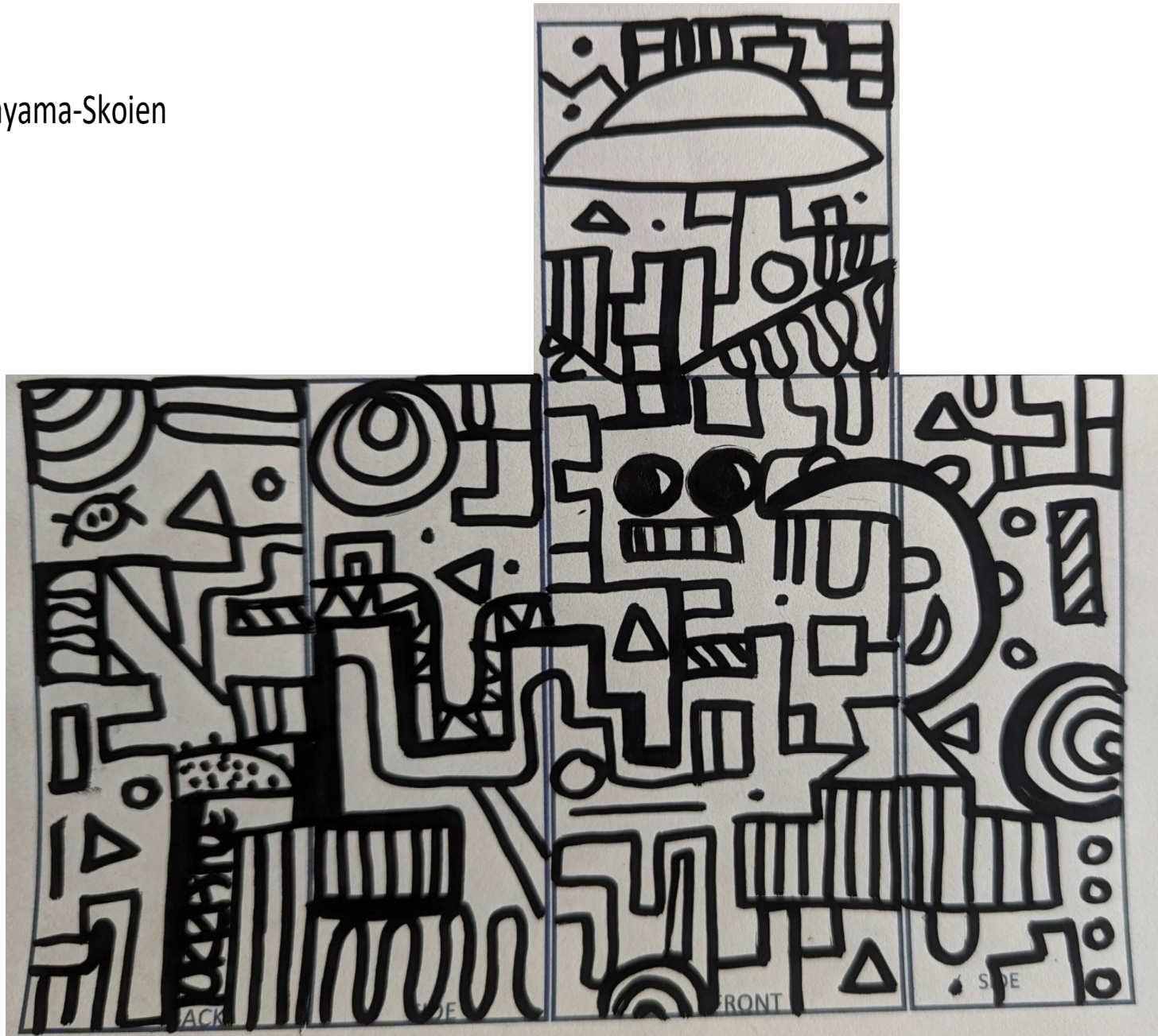
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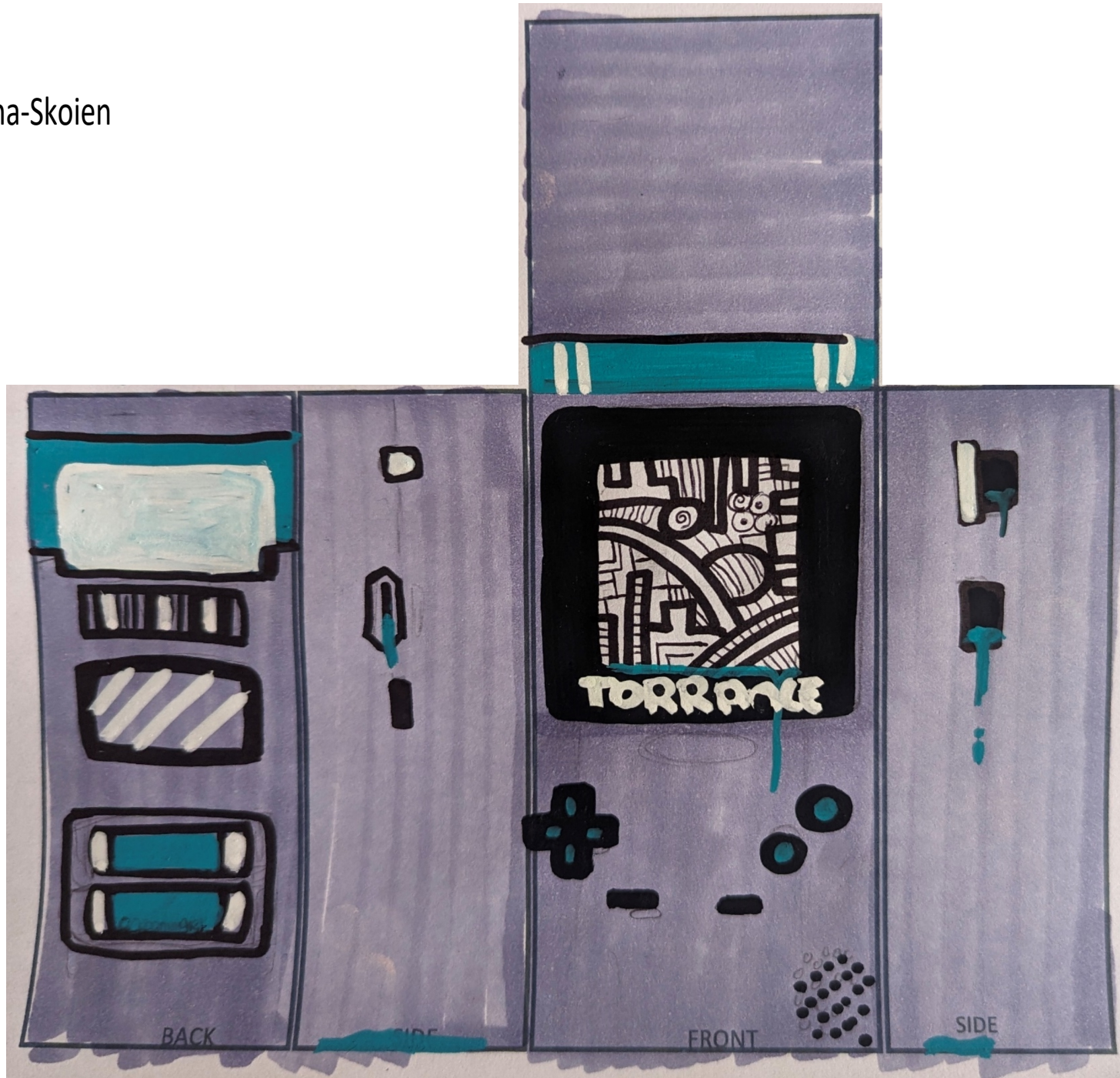
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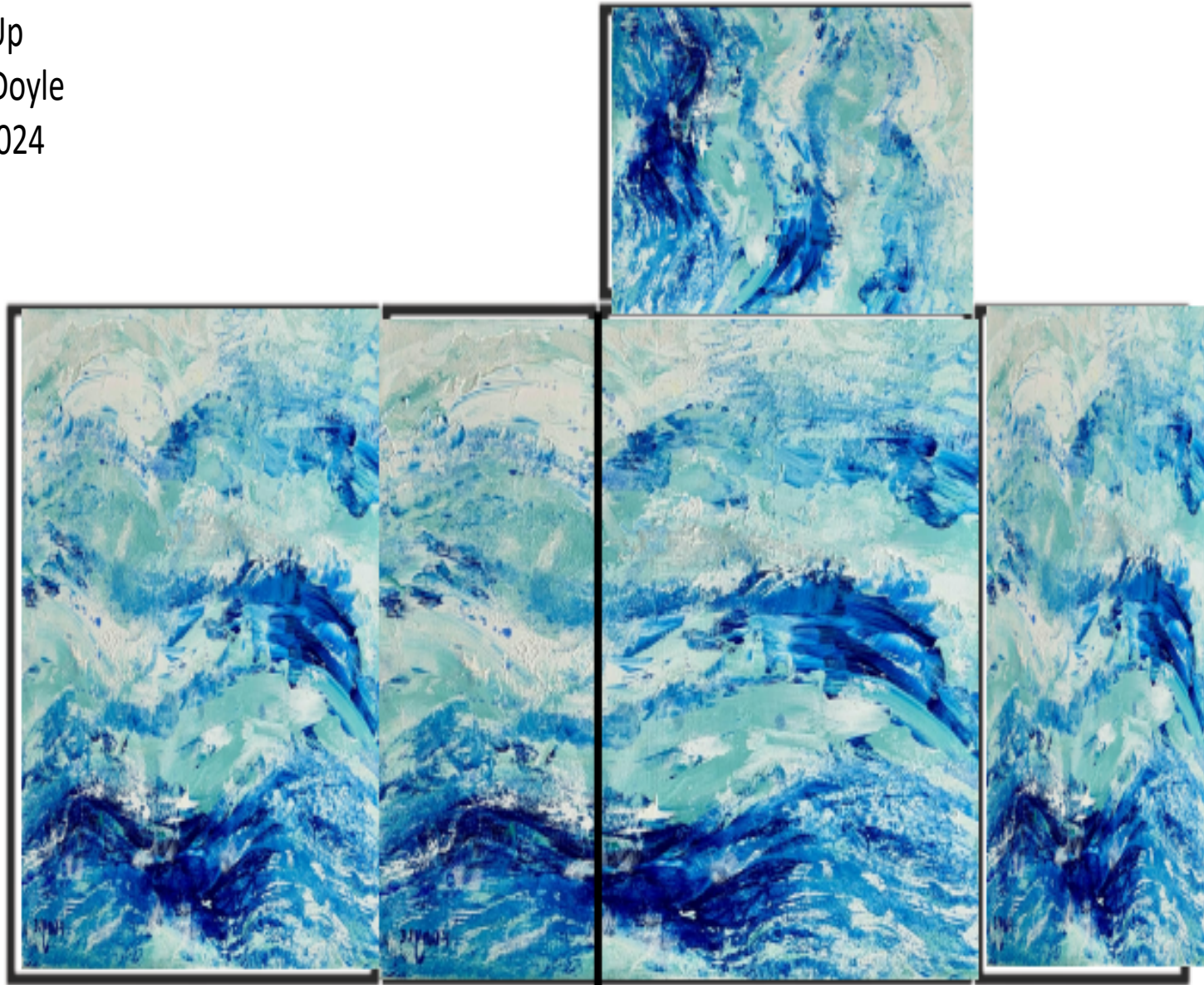
Busy City
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The Drip
Amber Kitayama-Skoien
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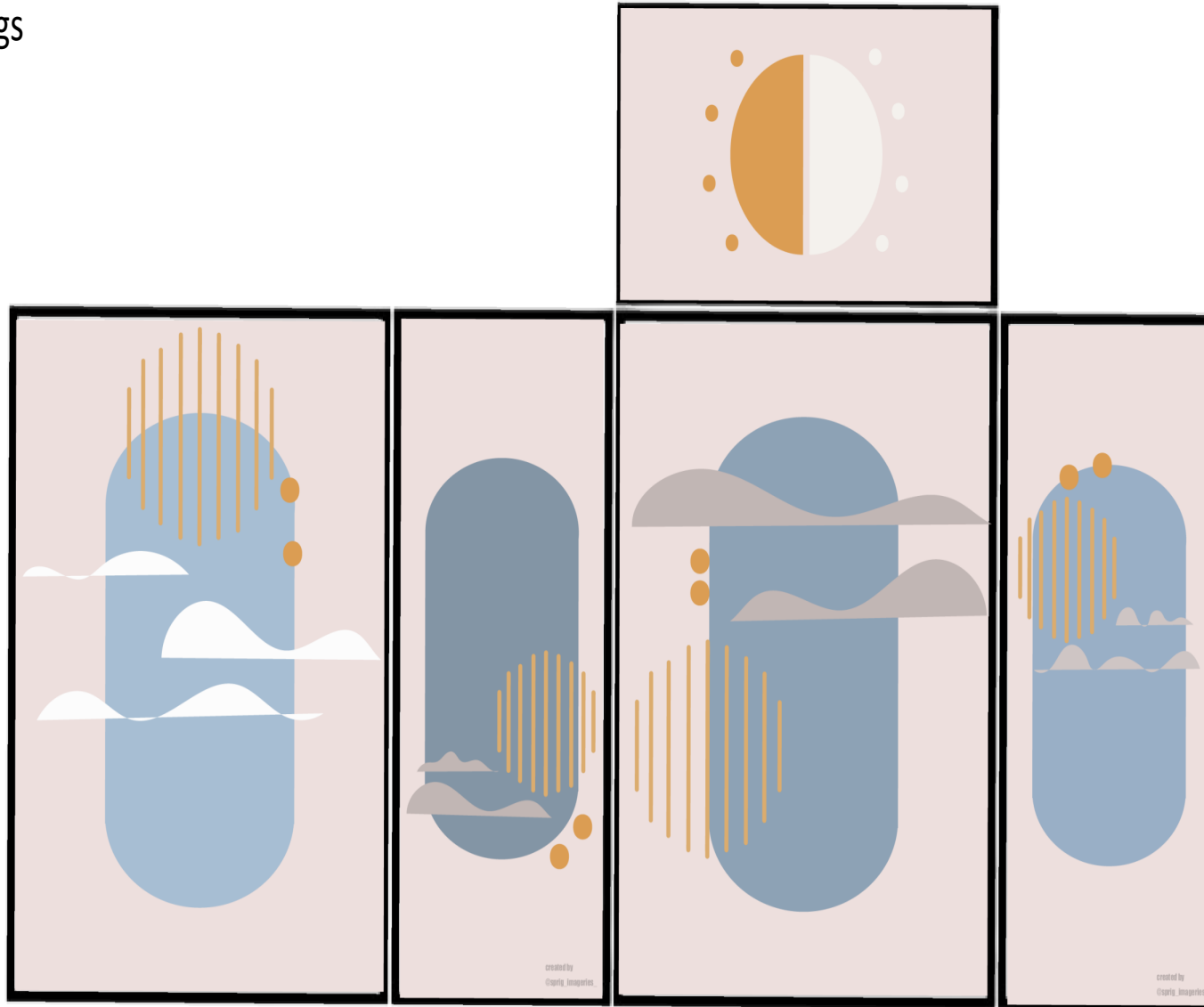
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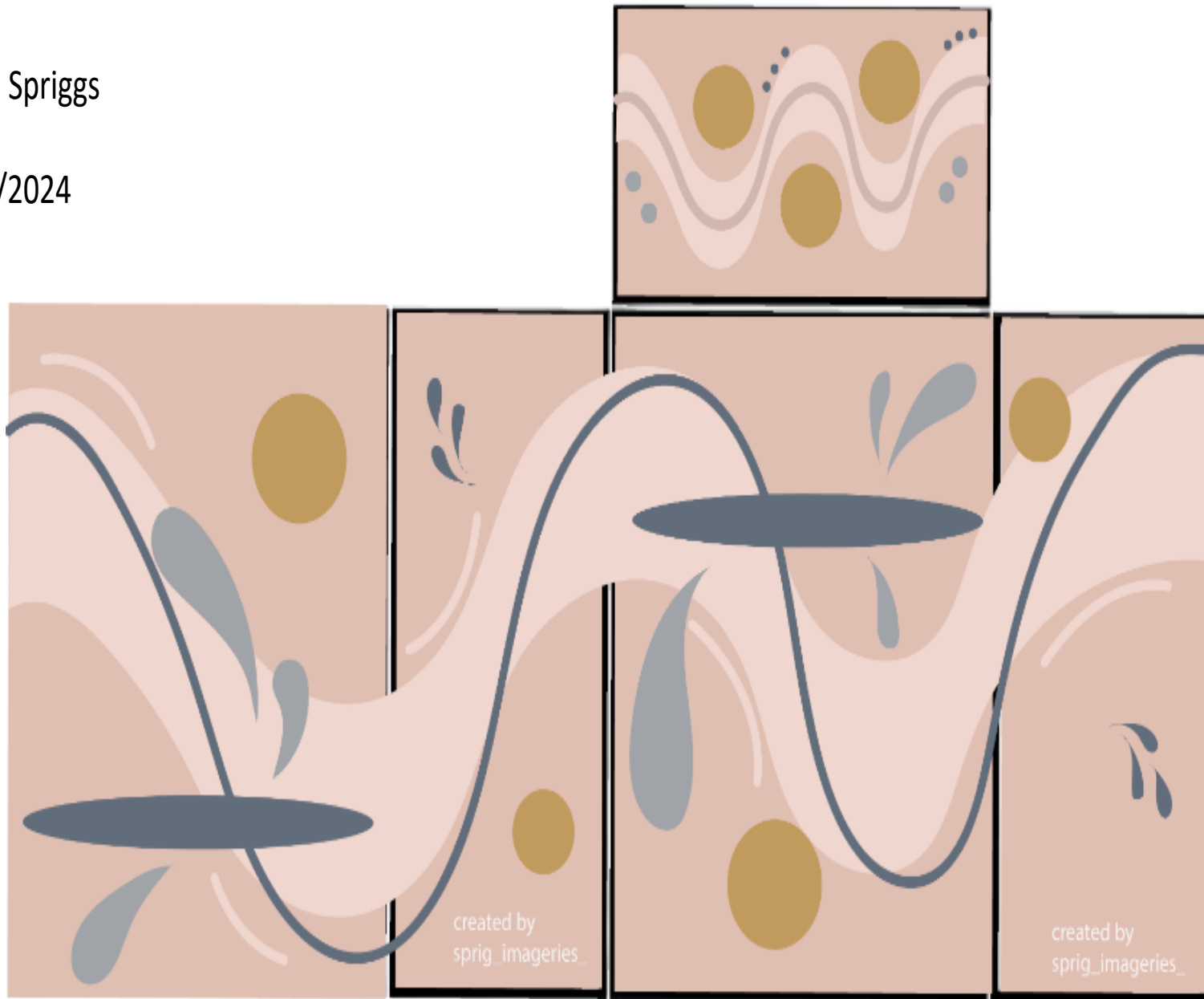
I'm glad you're here
Aimee Spriggs
06/06/2024



Aimee Spriggs
Sunshine
06/06/2024



Aimee Spriggs
Water
06/06/2024



Aimee Spriggs
you're allowed to
take up space
06/06/2024



Chicome Itzcuintli Atemoztli Yei Acat.



Flowers – Whites
Ashish Sharma
7/30/24



Flowers – Multi-color
Ashish Sharma
7/30/24



Flowers – Hanging
Ashish Sharma
7/30/24



Artwork featured in this submission is by three artists
Maria Gutierrez, Alma Velasco, and Chuka Arantou
through Able ARTS Work mobile arts program.
7/30/24



Somewhere Beyond
Congyu Liu
9/06/24



Somewhere Beyond 2

Congyu Liu

9/06/24



Somewhere Beyond 3

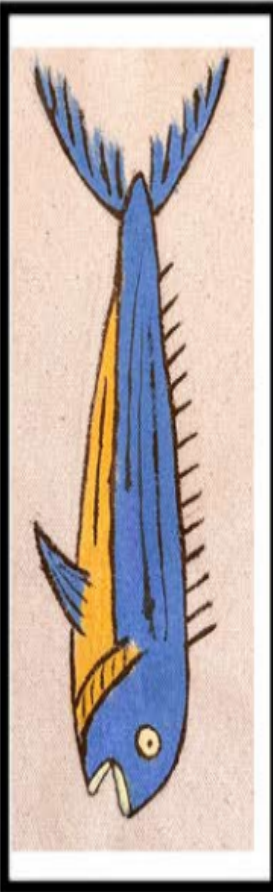
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Catch of the day
Amelie Laurice
9/06/24

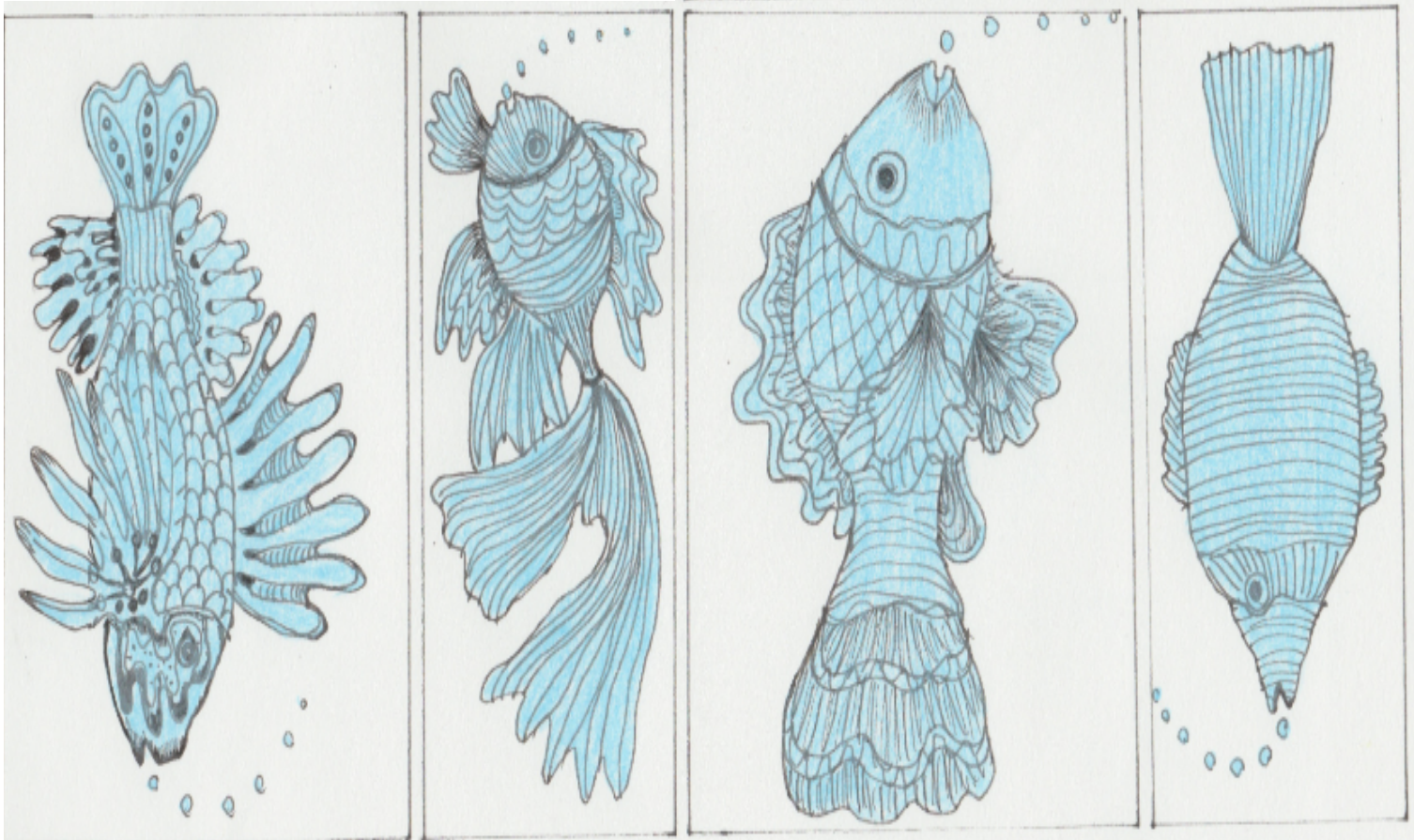
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Community 2
Dellis Frank
9/08/24



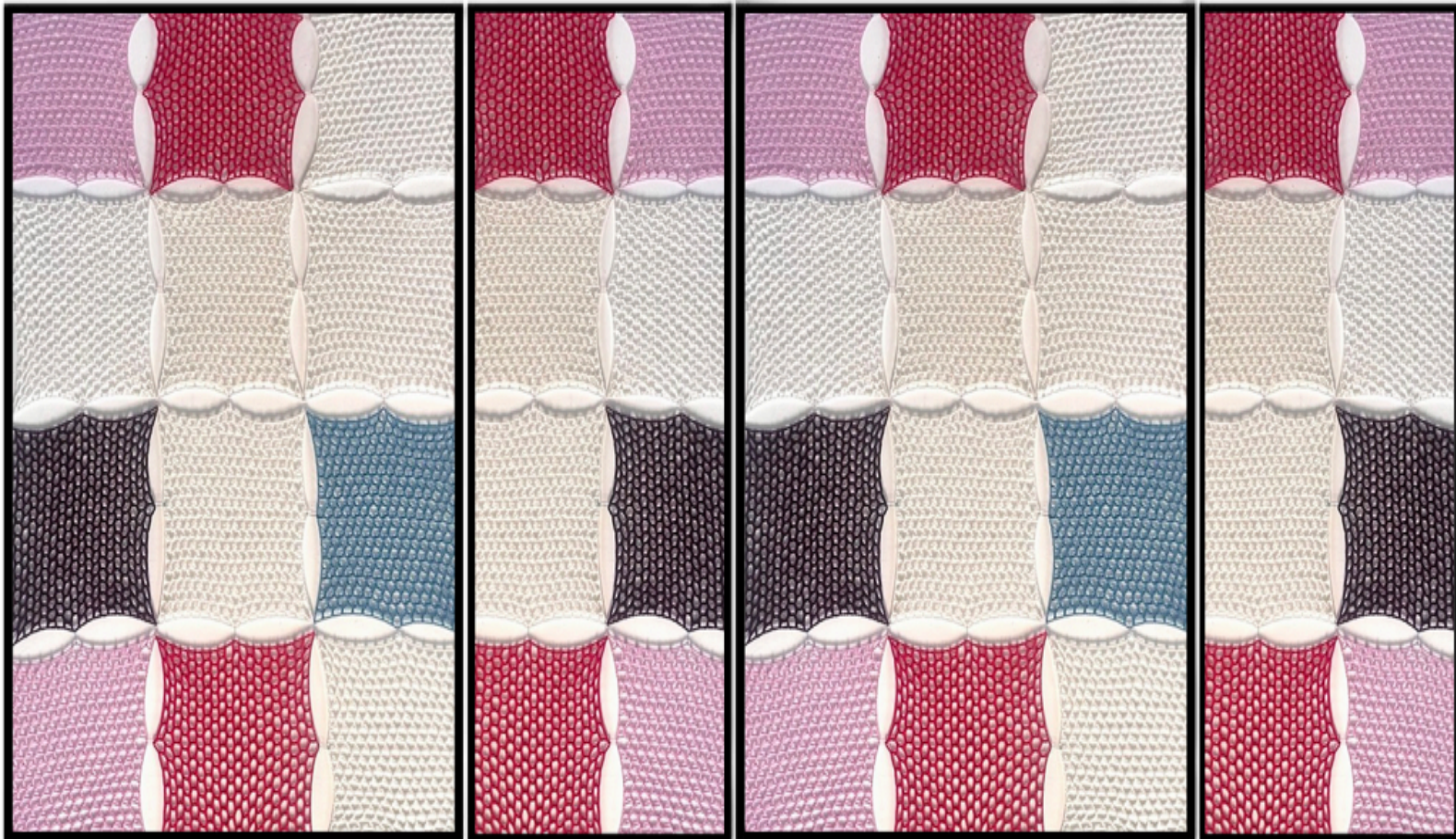
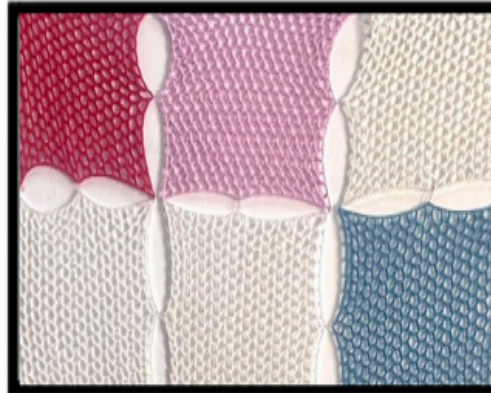
There are plenty more fish in the sea
Raphaella Cohen-Bacry
9/08/24



Dolphin Mosaic
Raphaella Cohen-Bacry
9/08/24



“Yarn Construction”
(Red, white, blue and pink)
Deborah Lynn Irmias
9/08/24



Title: "Blooming"
Artist: Vanesa Andrade
Utility box #0130
Location: Del Amo Circle &
Carson St.

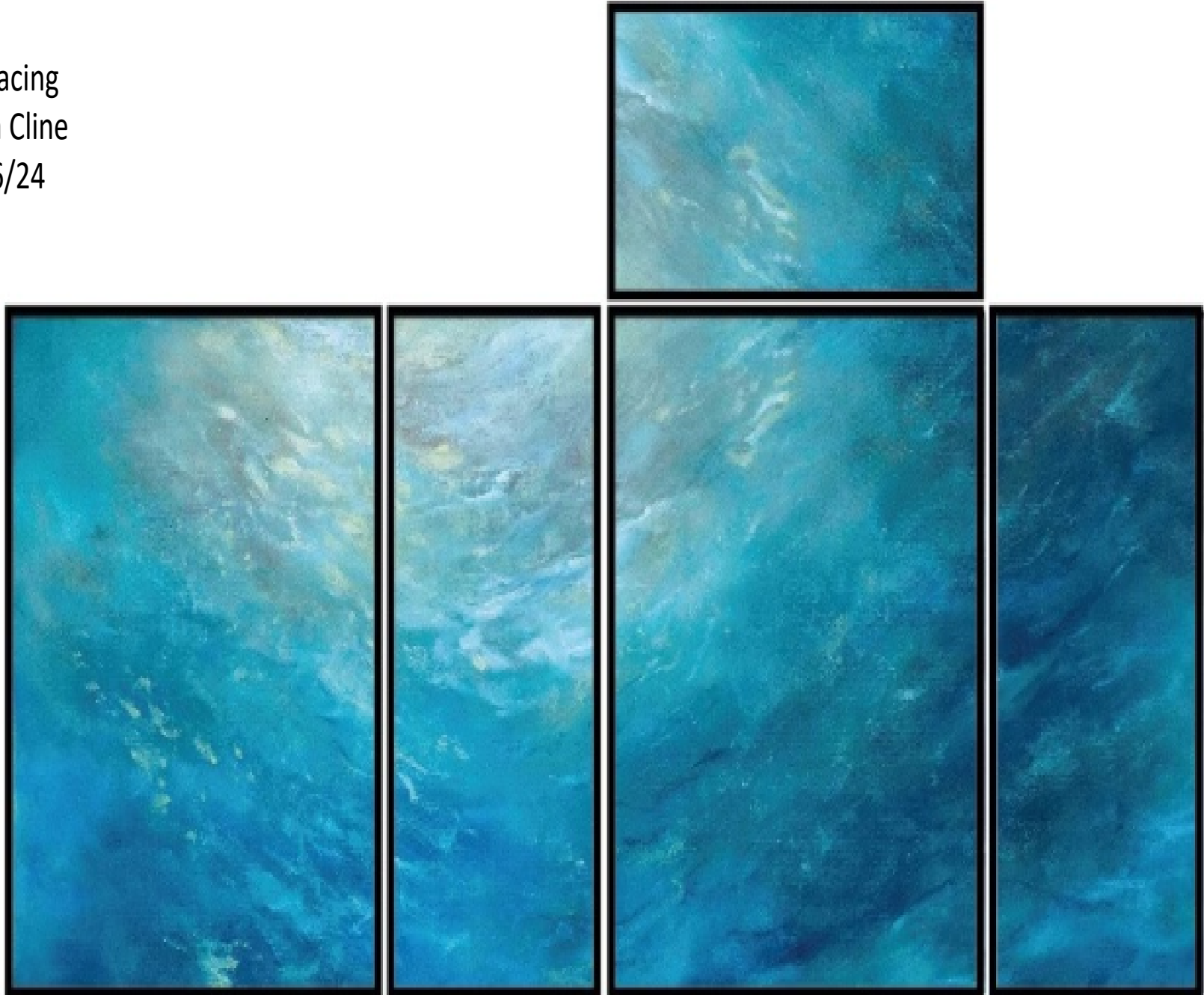
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Our natural habitat
Vanessa Andrade
9/08/24



Surfacing
Dina Cline
9/06/24



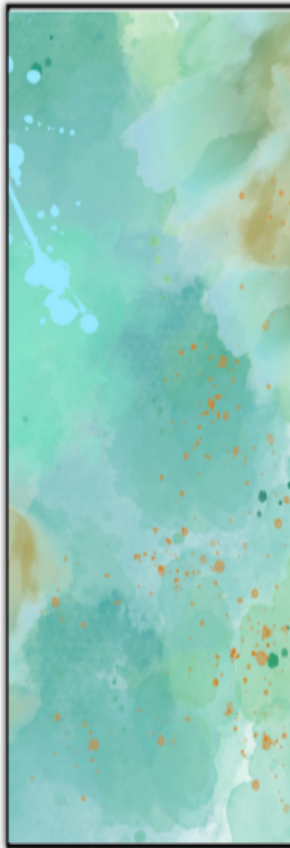
Fearless / Never give up
Amanda Kruse
9/13/24



It always seems impossible until it's done

Amanda Kruse

9/13/24



Great Things Never Come from Comfort Zone

Amanda Kruse

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Just go with the Flow 1

Amanda Kruse

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Just go with the Flow 2

Amanda Kruse

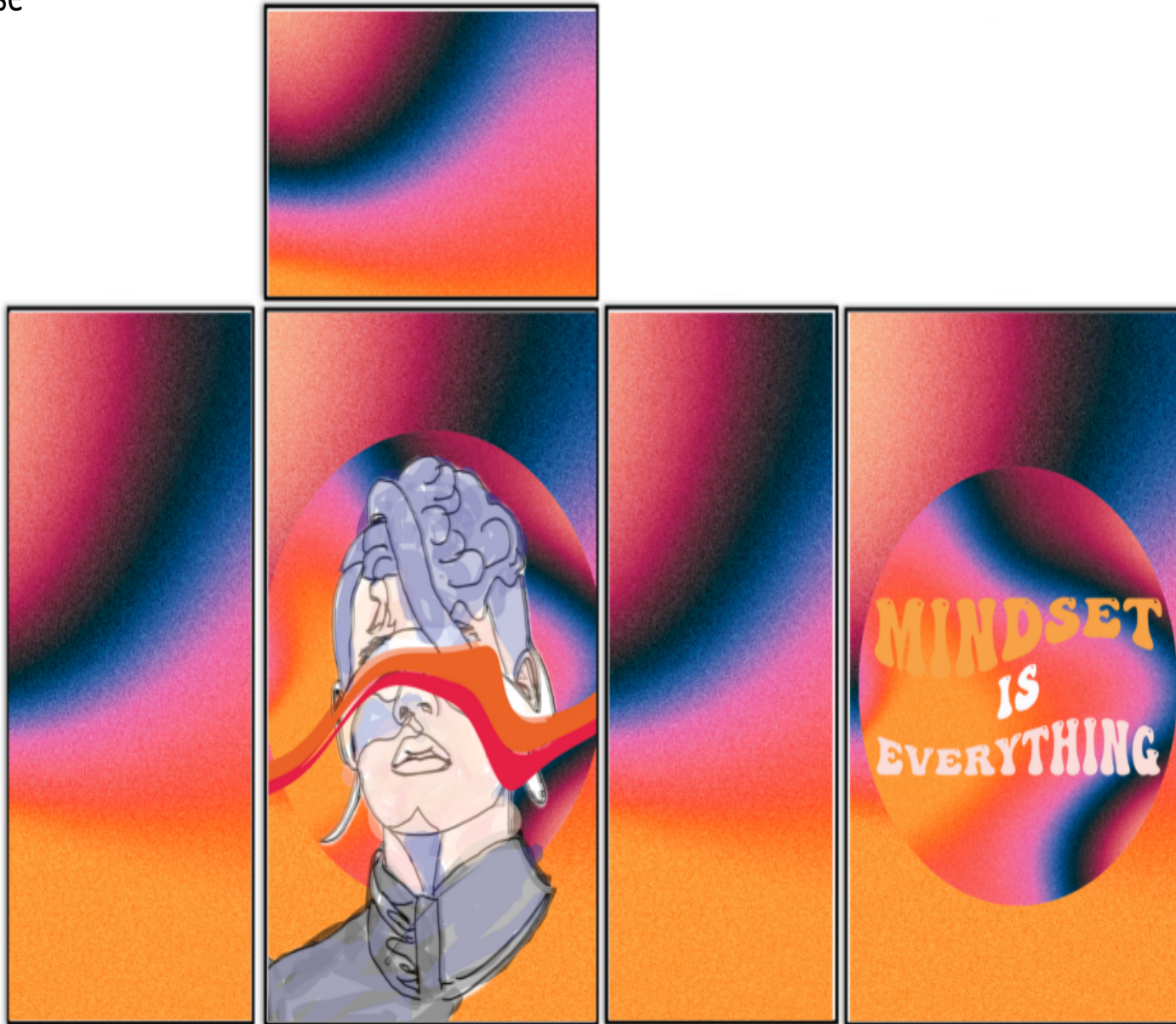
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Mindset is Everything

Amanda Kruse

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We Rise by Lifting Others 1

Amanda Kruse

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We Rise by Lifting Others 1

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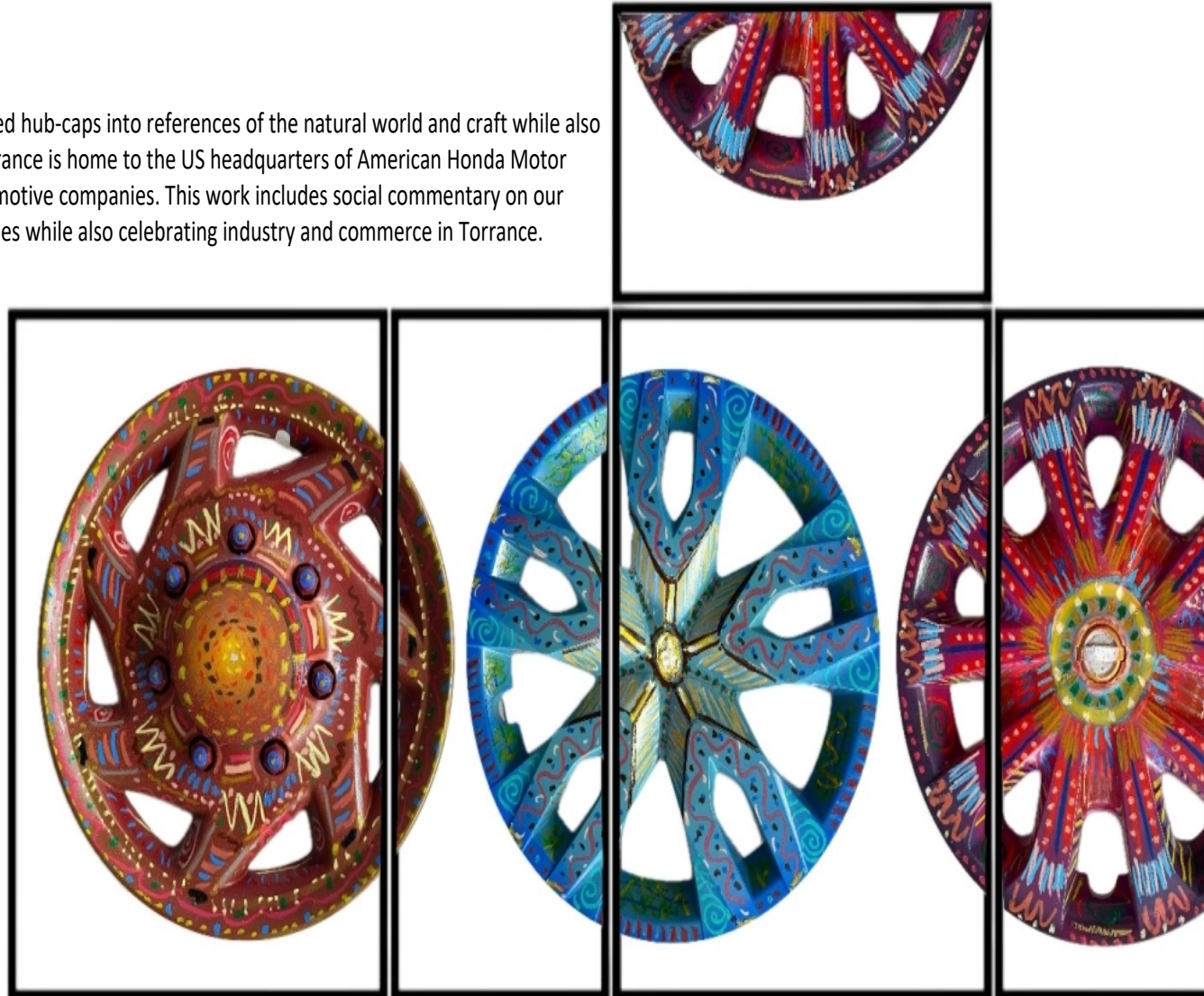


Ways of Seeing

Trevor Coopersmith

9/19/24

The design includes three transformed hub-caps into references of the natural world and craft while also re-presenting discarded objects. Torrance is home to the US headquarters of American Honda Motor Company, Acura and other top automotive companies. This work includes social commentary on our automotive dependency in Los Angeles while also celebrating industry and commerce in Torrance.



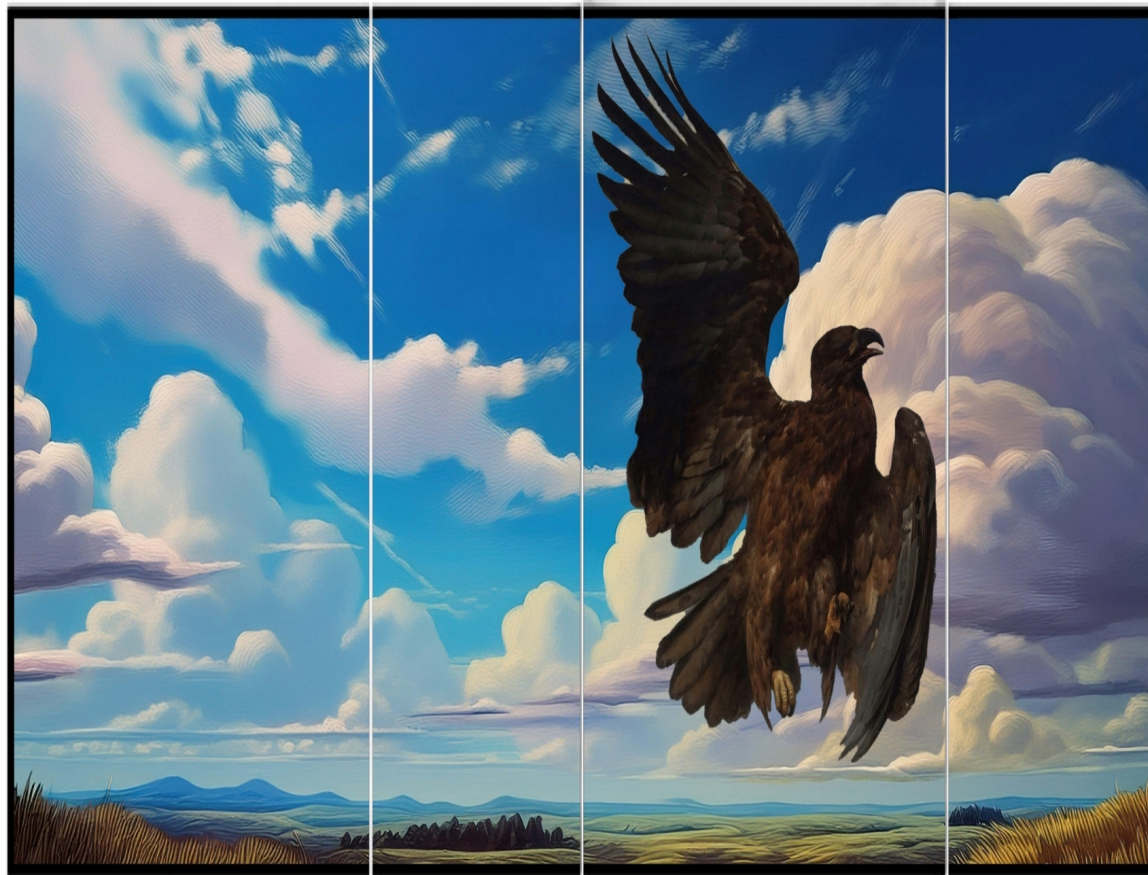
Ancient Pines
Hung Viet Nguyen
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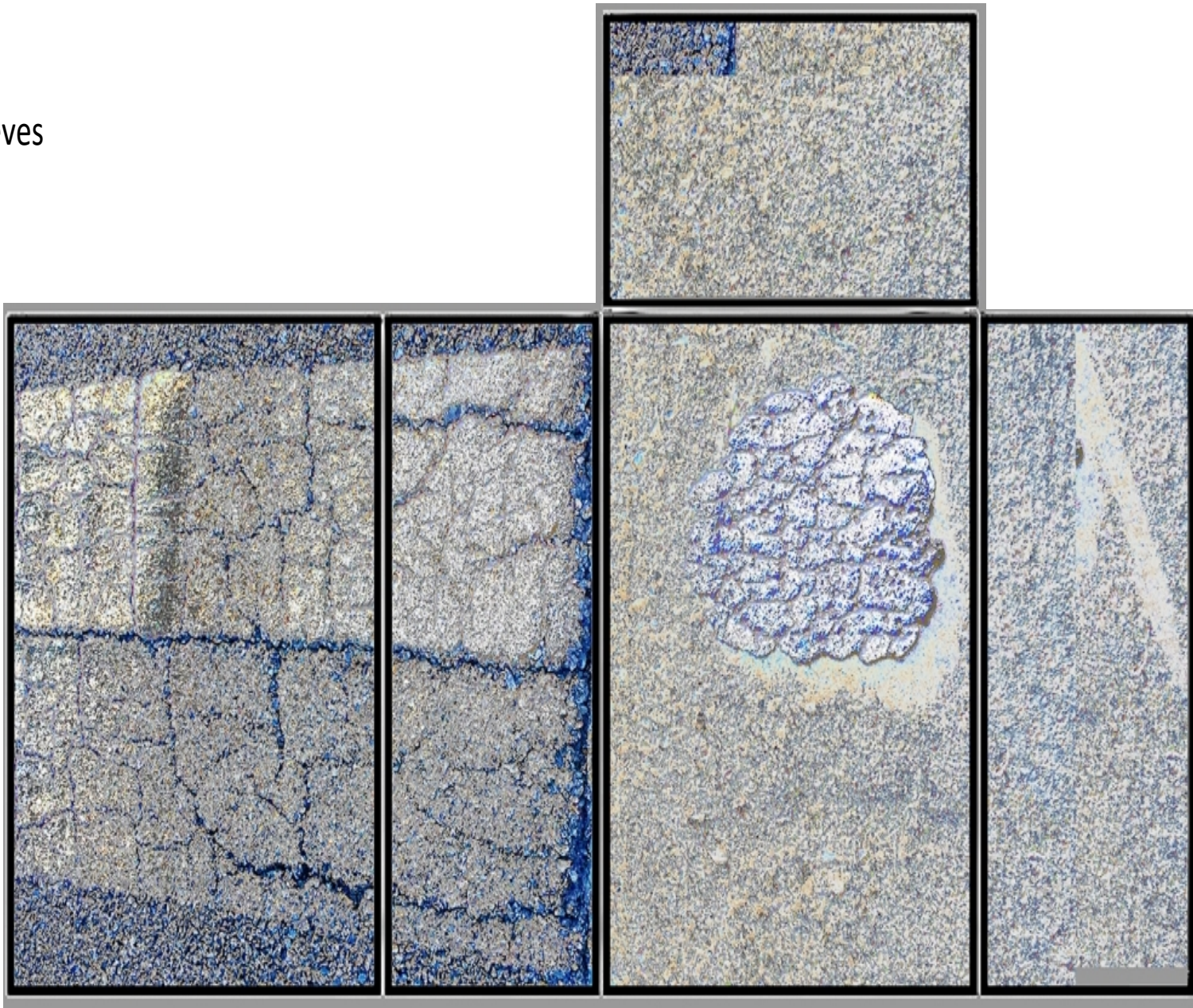
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Artist: Judy Lange
Utility box # 0064
Location: Van Ness Ave and
Dominguez St.



Mockup 1
Vasco Del Rey
9/19/24



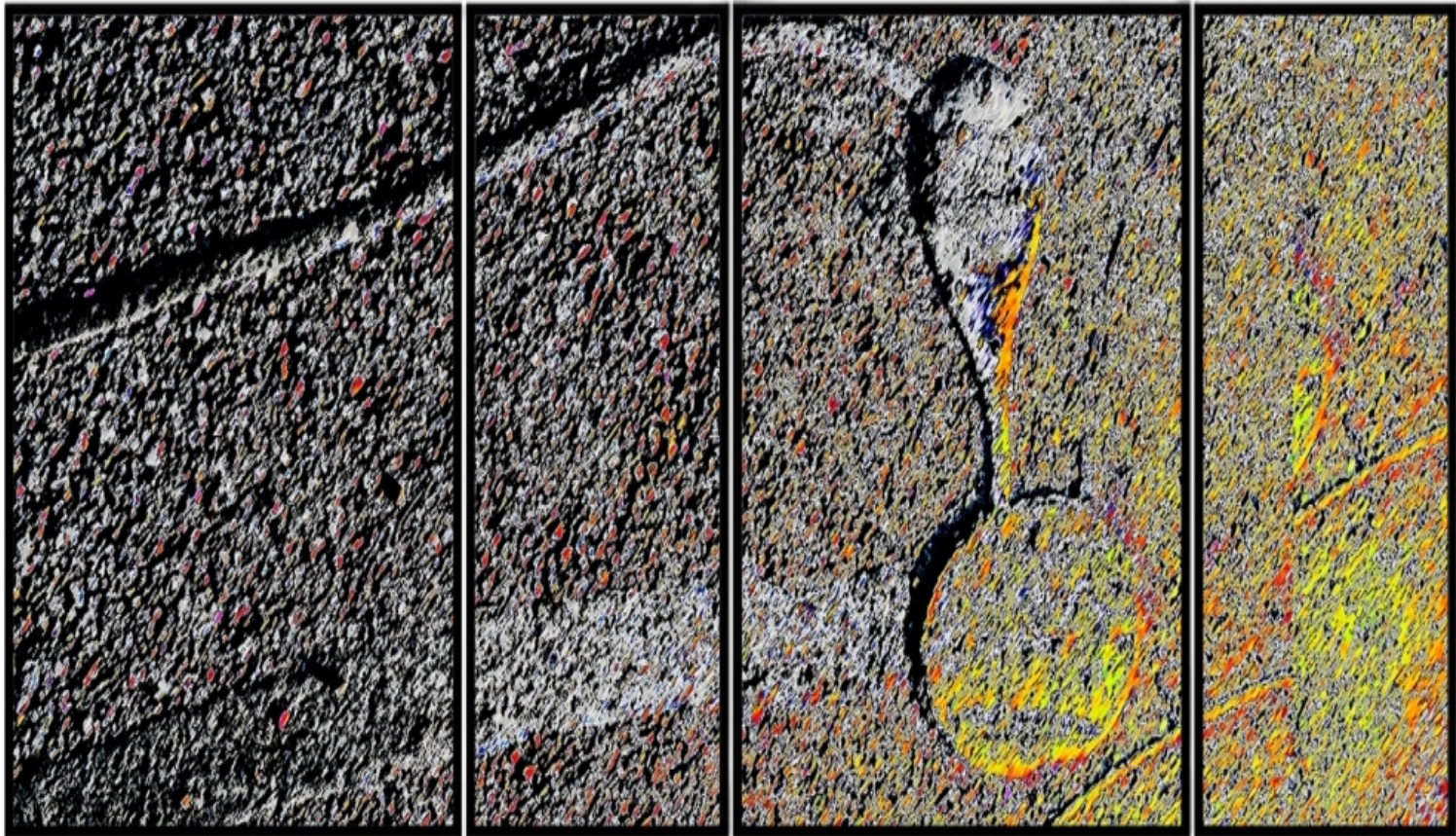
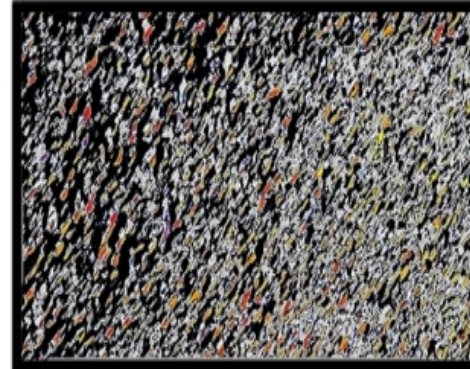
Cracks
Diane Reeves
9/24/24



Sidewalk Finds
Diane Reeves
9/24/24



Exclamation Point
Diane Reeves
9/24/24



Lake Diane
Diane Reeves
9/24/24



Untitled 1
Jones Gutierrez
9/25/24



Untitled 2
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Untitled 3
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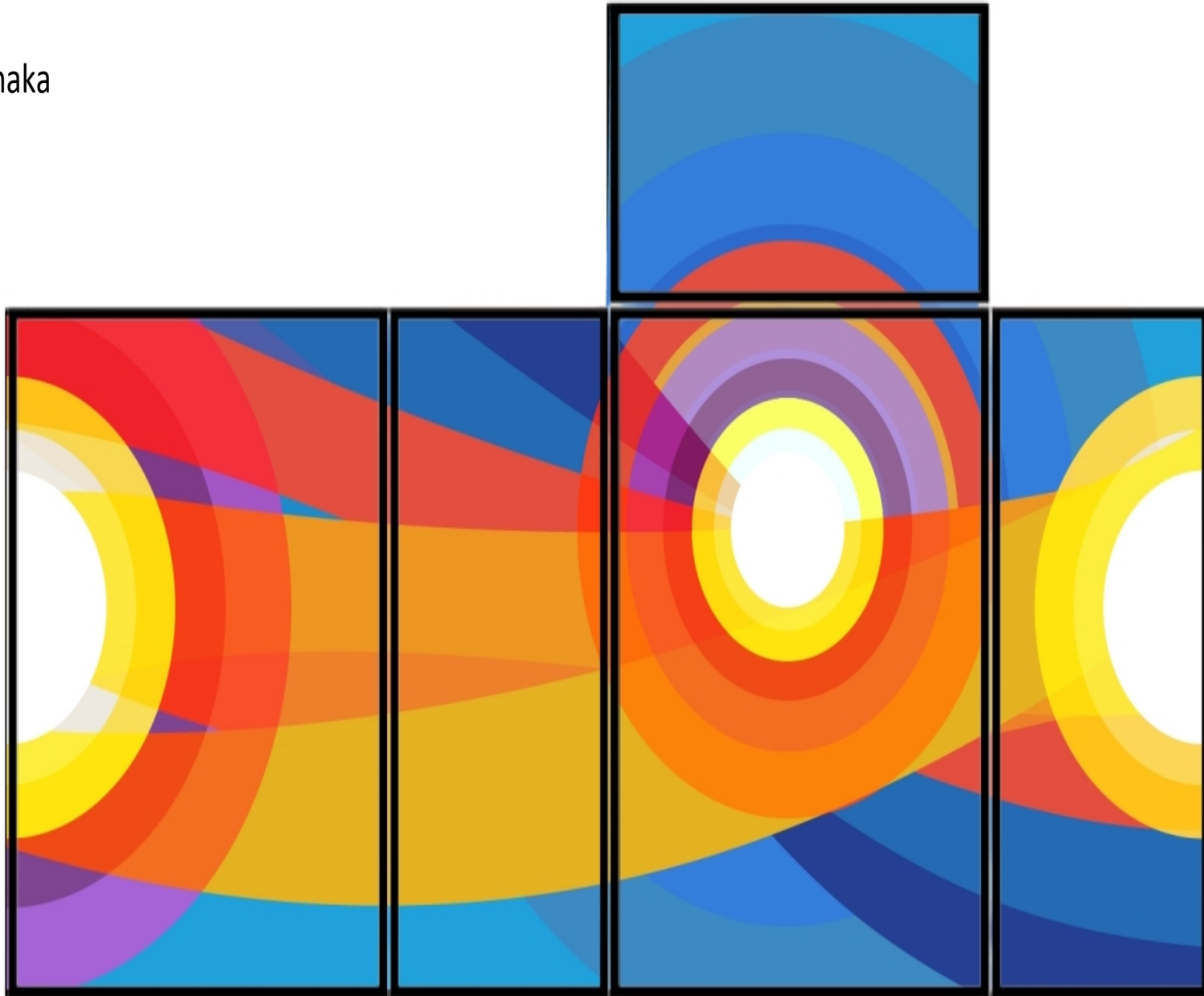
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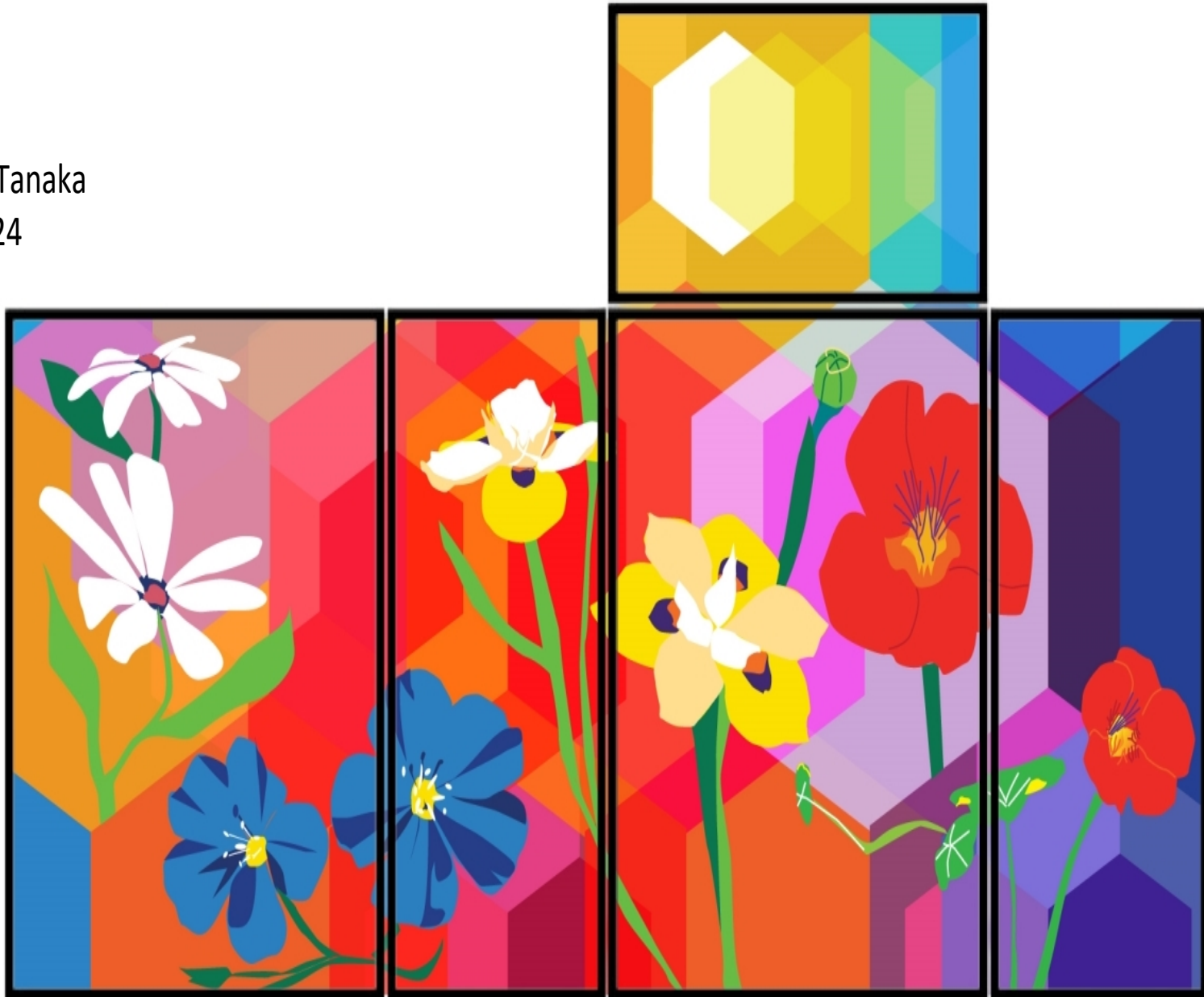
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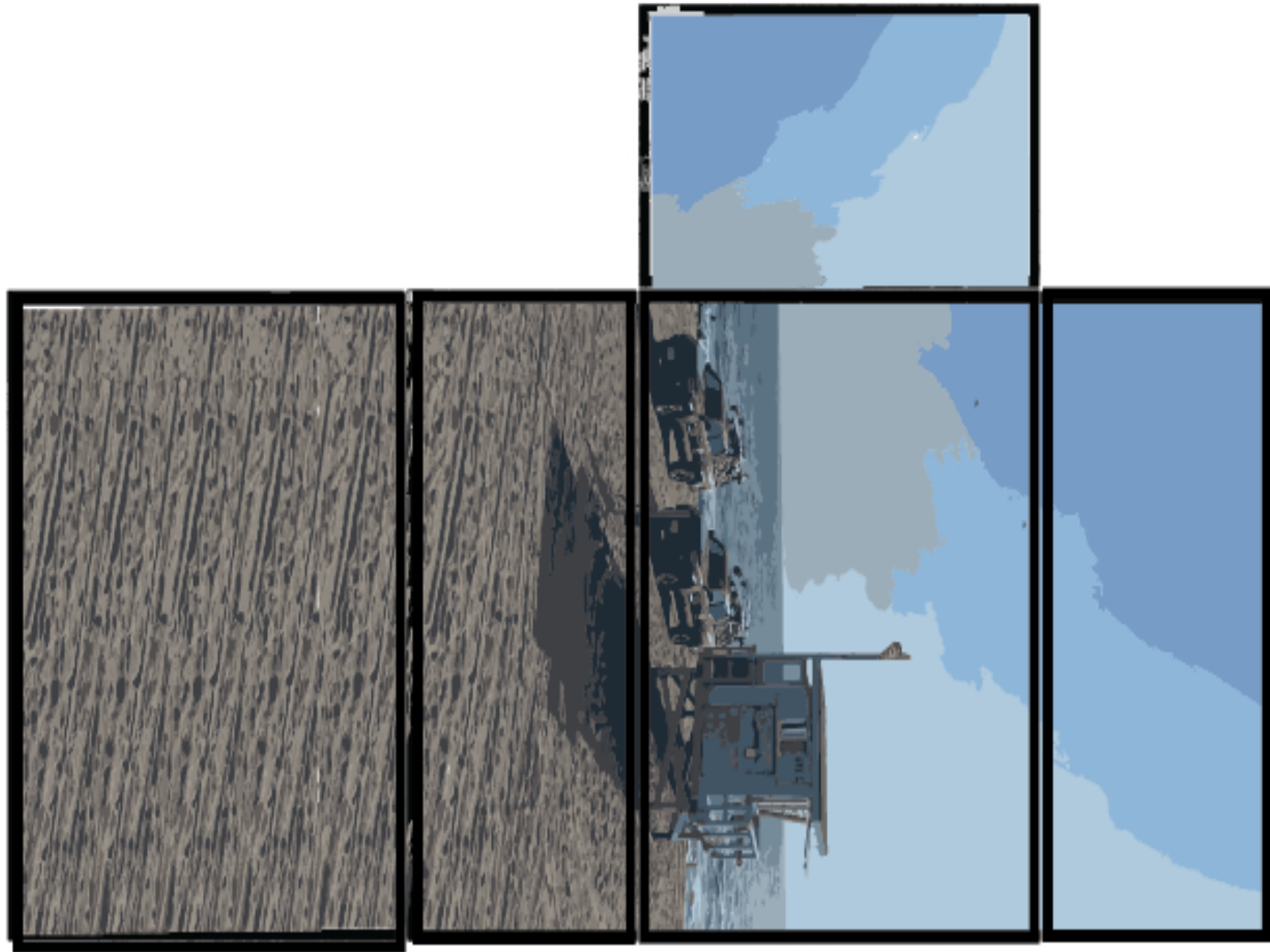
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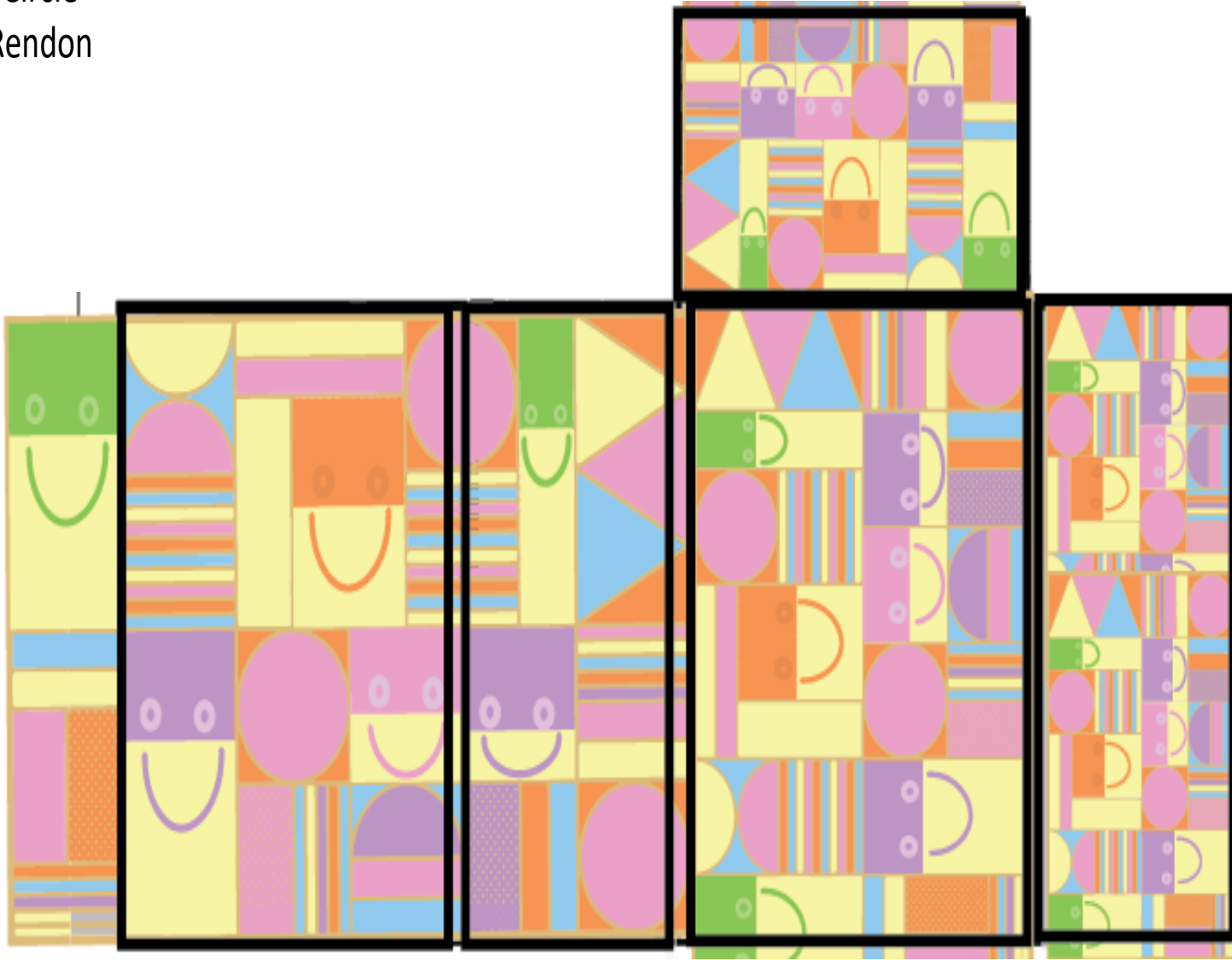
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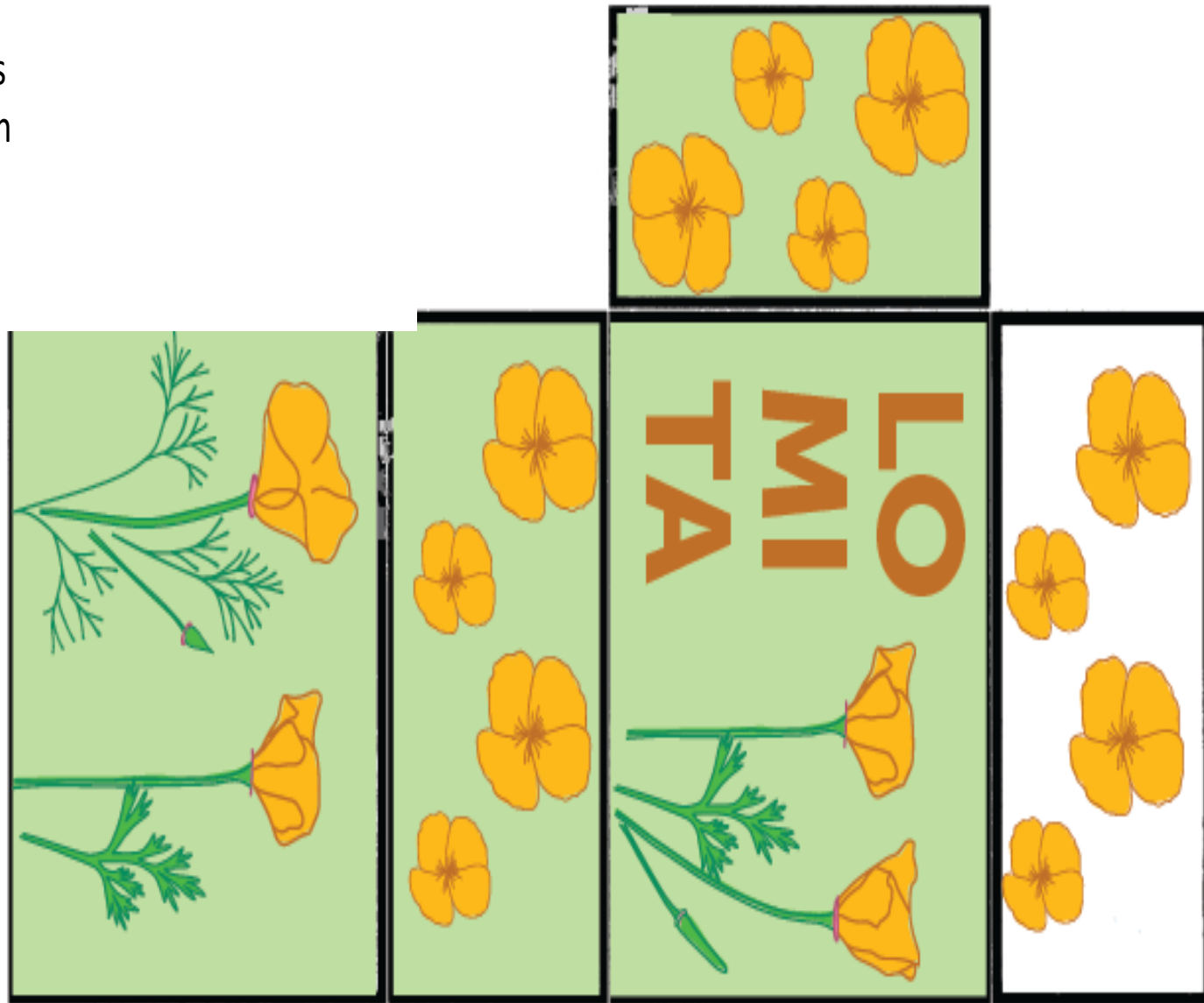
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Yvonne Rendon
9/29/24



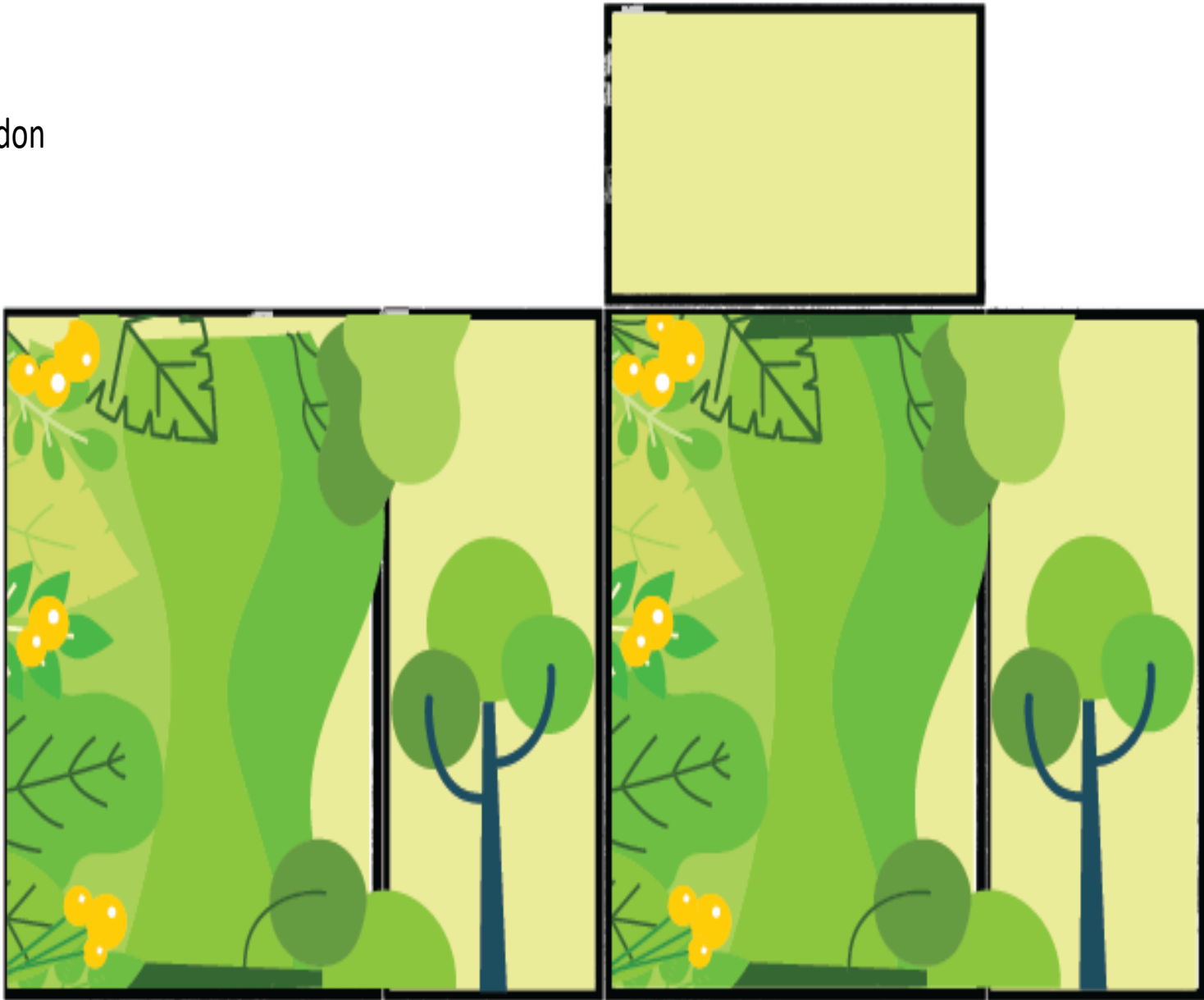
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9/29/24



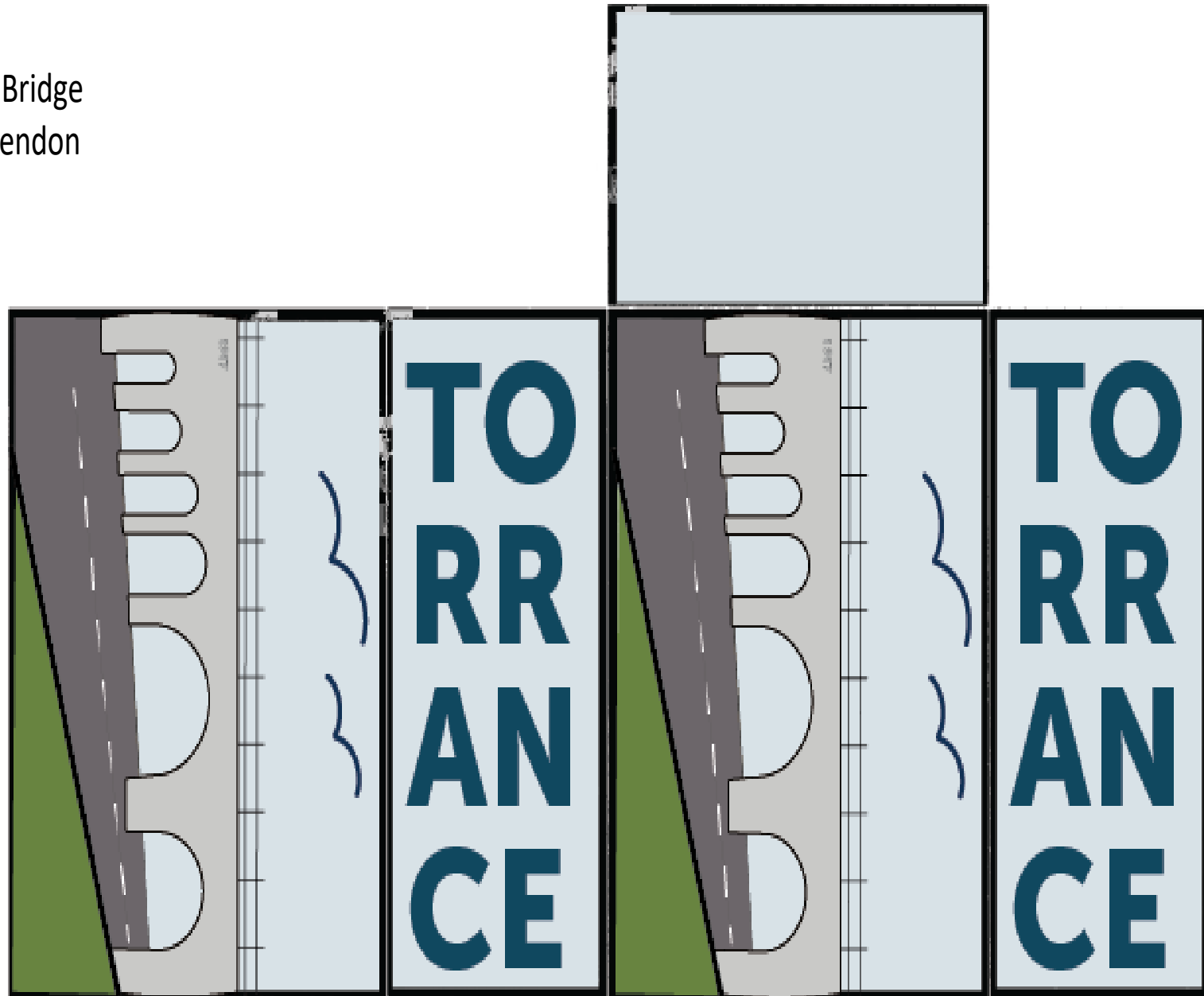
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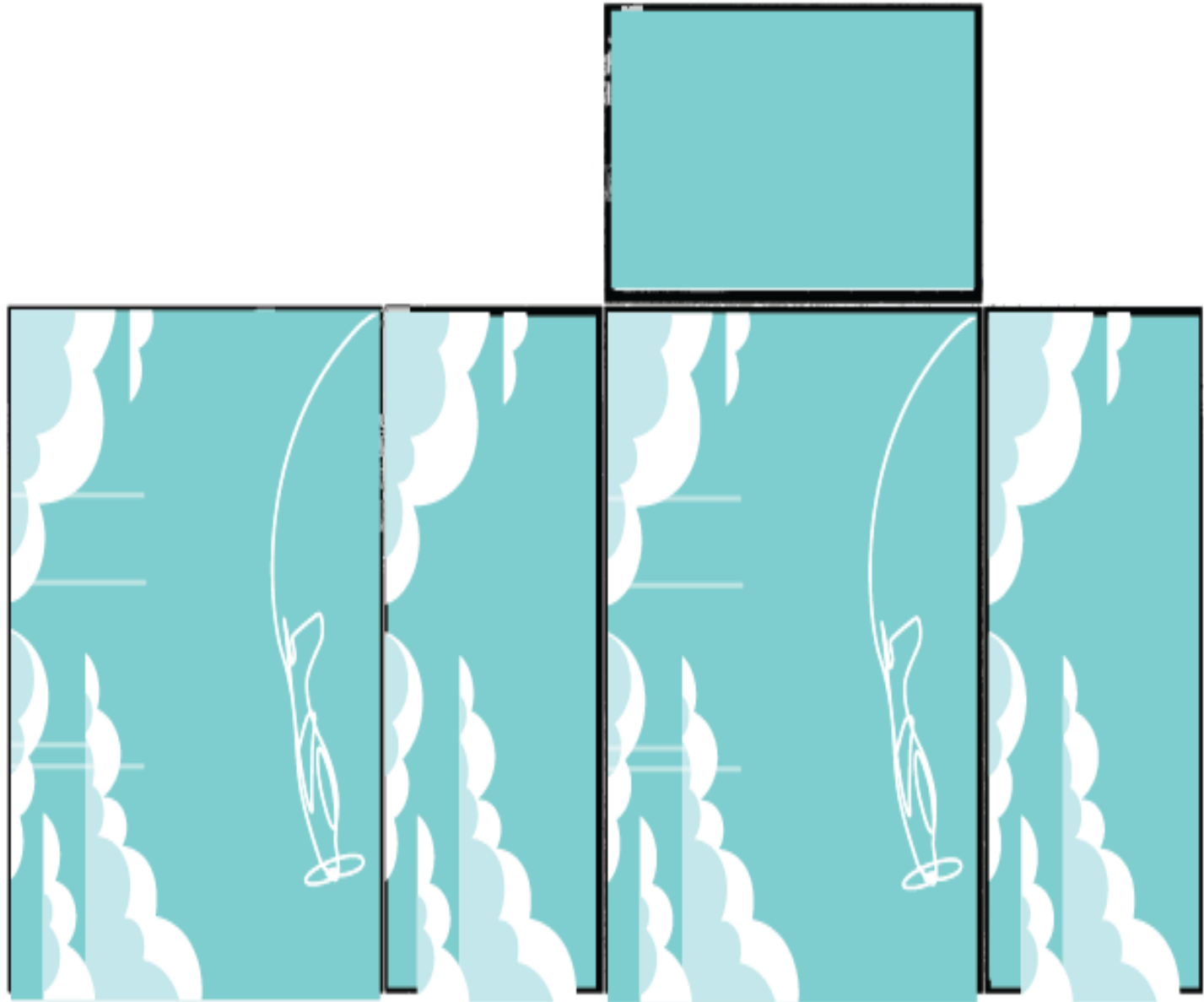
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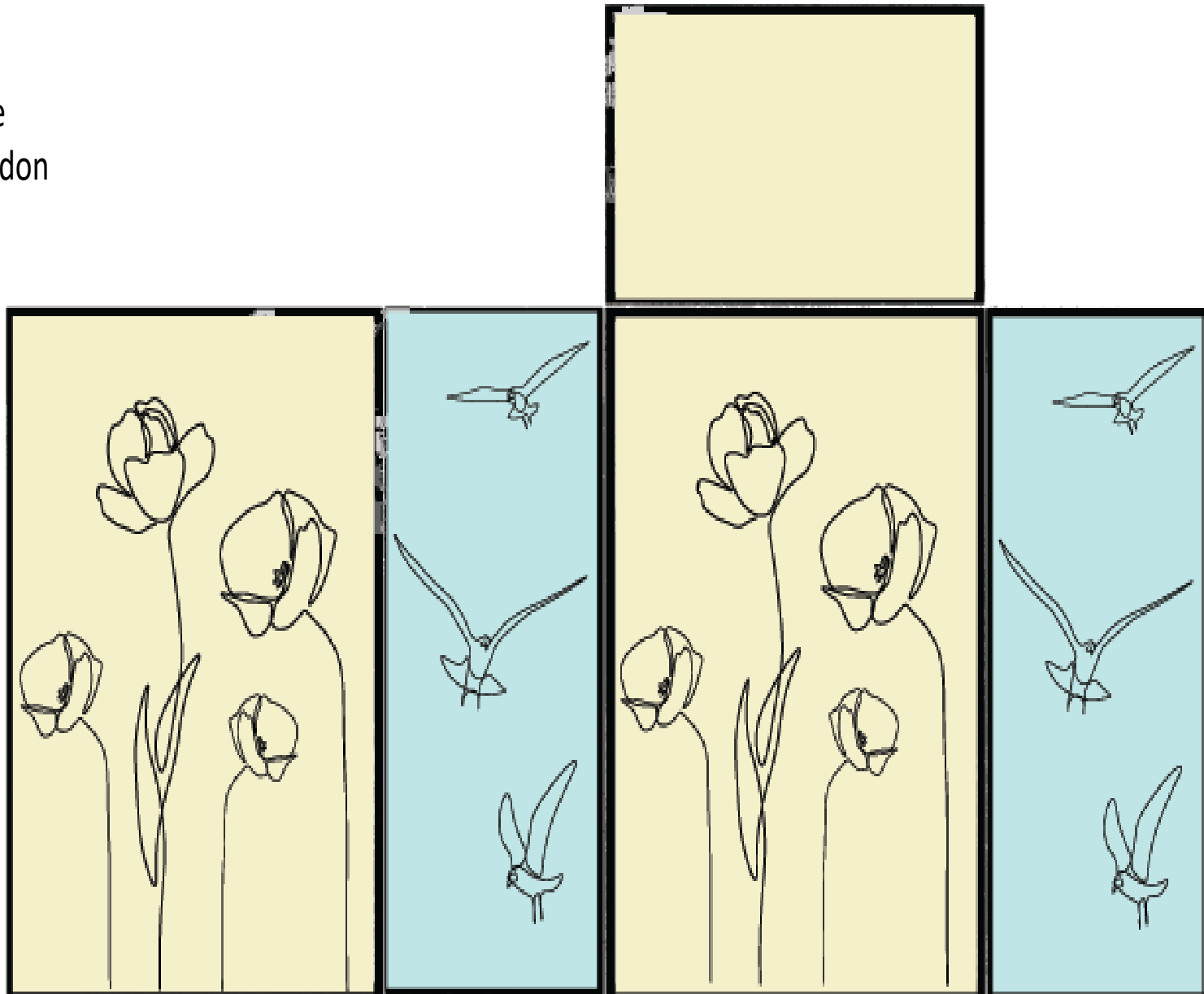
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Yvonne Rendon
9/29/24



Airplane
Yvonne Rendon
9/29/24



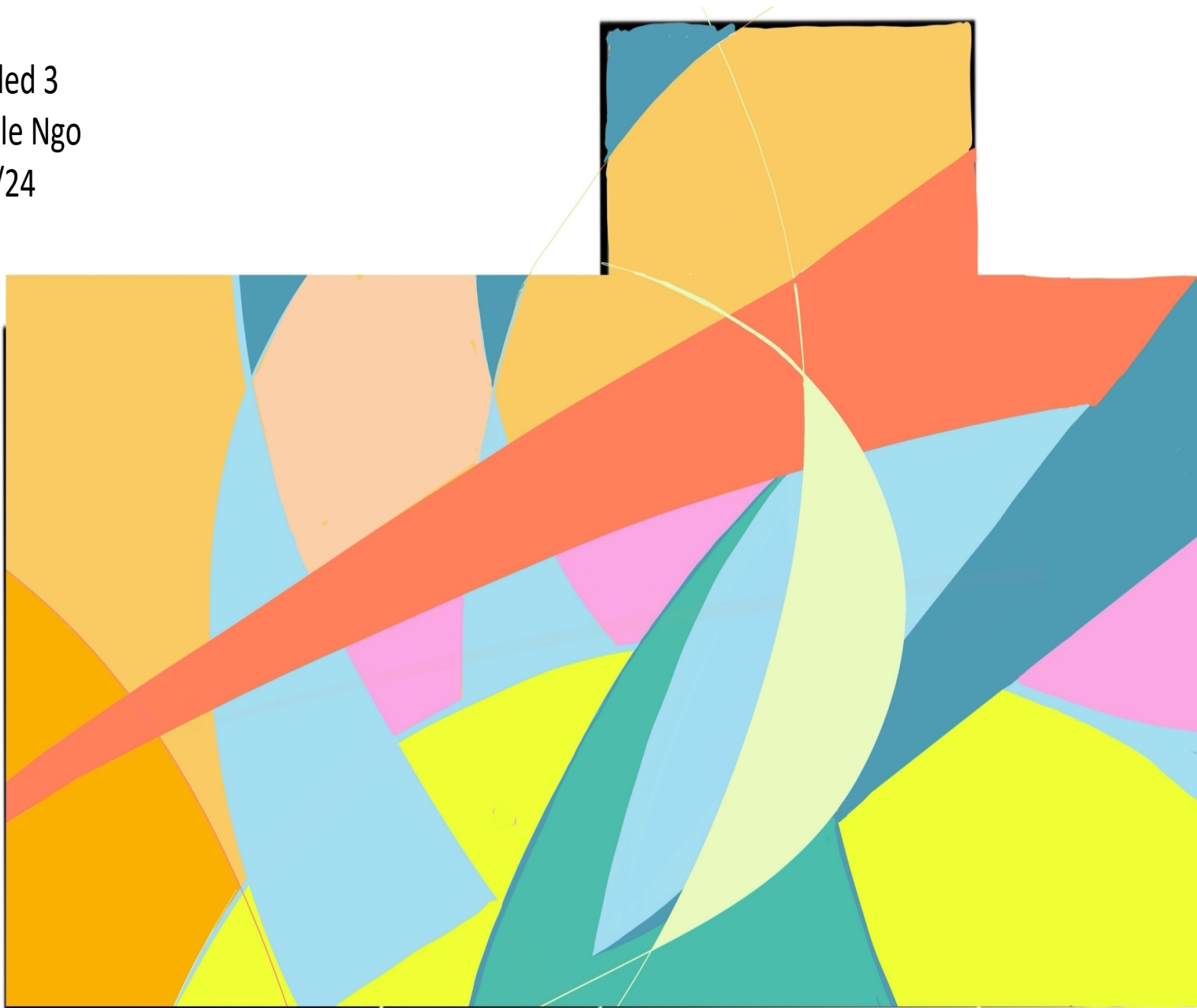
Anza Nature
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Untitled 2
Arnelle Ngo
9/29/24



Untitled 3
Arnelle Ngo
9/29/24



Below the Surface
Magdalena LaTorre
9/29/24

