

The Architect of Color

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Erica Klopman is an American artist with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) from the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) in New York City where she currently resides. Enamored with art and design since early childhood, Klopman pursued her creative passion at the University of Delaware. She studied Fine Art, Art History, and Fashion Design prior to earning her BFA in Interior Design from FIT.

Klopman built her career in design working for over a decade in New York City at the internationally renowned architecture and interior design firms Rockwell Group, CetraRuddy Architecture, and London-based March and White Design. Her award-winning hospitality and residential design collaborations have been published in Architectural Digest, Hospitality Design, and House Beautiful.



Klopman draws inspiration from many areas of her interior design background including Architectural elements, striking color palettes, and different textures blended together to create a well-designed and inviting space. She strives to create large-scale compositions that exude pure joy and energy through multiple layers of vibrant colors creating an immersive experience for the viewer.

Klopman developed her career with her first large-scale painting on canvas for an interior design client. Her clients required a specific size piece for their space, but she had not found any artwork that they felt connected to in the colors they were seeking. She states, "I finally made the decision to order a large-scale canvas, paints, and brushes to create an original piece of artwork for them. It was love at first sight when I revealed the painting to my client. I could see the joy in their faces was genuine and they were so excited. It was at this point in my career I realized that I needed to pursue painting."

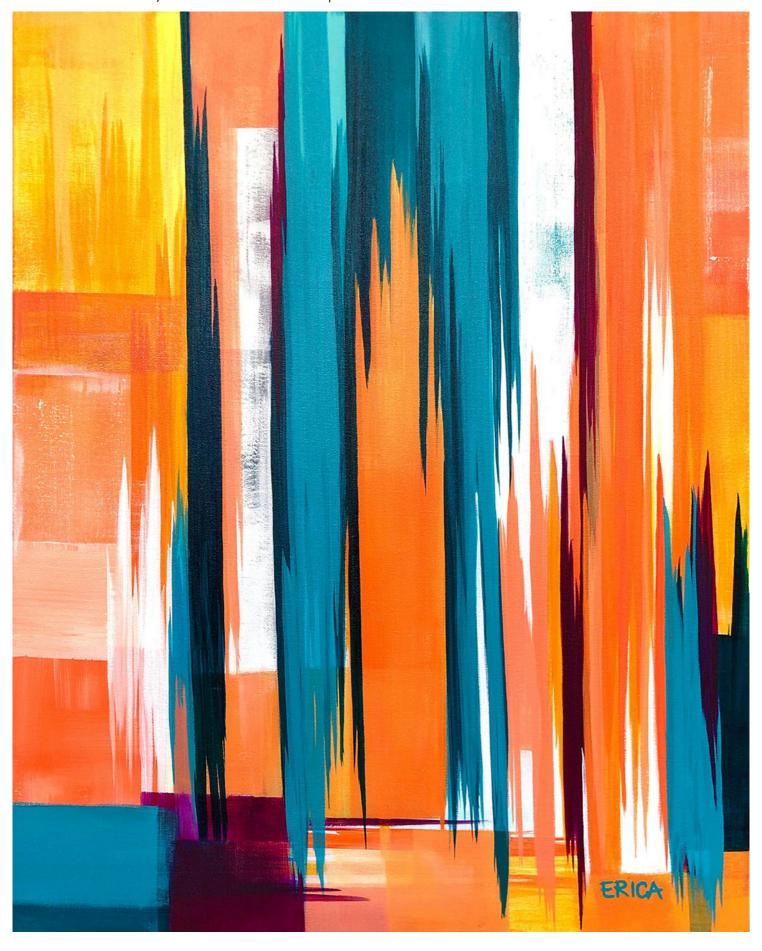
When asked how she seeks out new opportunities, Klopman shares, "I have had success through good word of mouth from my interior design clients. Instagram has also proven to be a unique way for architects, interior designers, and art collectors to see my work and reach out. It is also important to build a network of other creatives who are supportive of your work and believe in your talent."



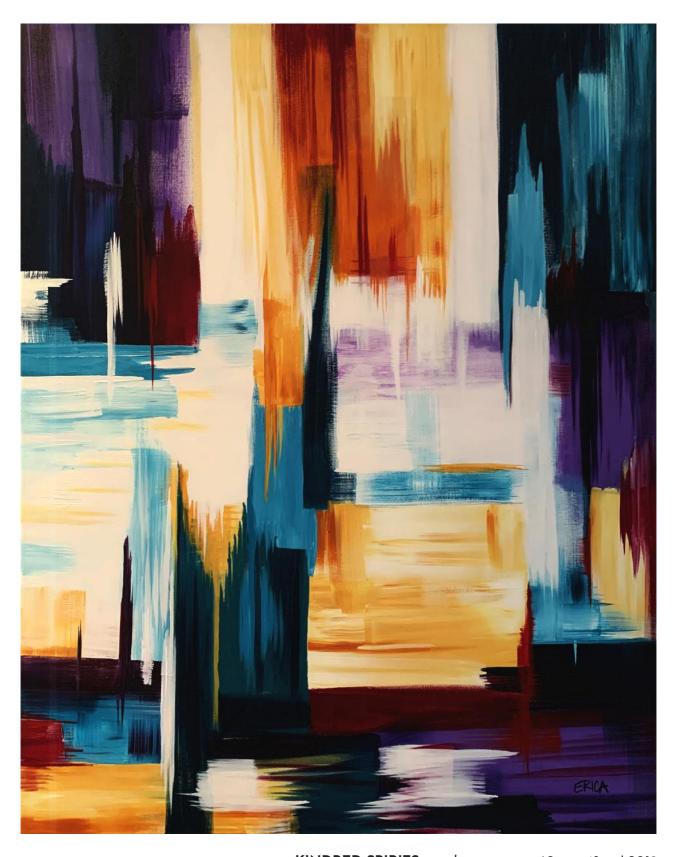


TOP - **TROPIC BLISS** acrylic on canvas 72 in x 60 in | 2021 BOTTOM - **WHIMSICAL WAYS** acrylic on canvas 35 in x 35 in | 2016

SUNBURST acrylic on canvas 24 in x 30 in | 2021







KINDRED SPIRITS acrylic on canvas 60 in x 48 in | 2019

WHIMSICAL WHISPERS acrylic on canvas 60 in x 40 in | 2021





Klopman explains how she navigates the art world by saving, "Interior design and fine art not only coexist, they enhance one another. A spectacularly designed space is further elevated when a perfect selection of art is placed. At times designers select artwork based on the established color palette for the room but there also are many instances in which the client falls deeply in love with a piece of artwork that becomes the ultimate statement in the space. Both create beautiful moments. It is a unique opportunity to truly understand both sides when developing new color for future paintings schemes marketing my ability to create commission pieces."

Klopman expresses what her craft means to her, "I absolutely love playing with colors, proportions, shapes, and textures to express my core emotions and elicit emotional engagement. The ability to create meaningful and beautiful experiences for others excites me." She also shares a beautiful quote that is her favorite by Wassily Kandinsky, "Color is a power which directly influences the soul."

In Klopman's work, the materials she uses are canvas, acrylic paint, and brushes. She often does several color studies and sketches out her preliminary ideas before starting on a large canvas. "Even if I change my mind, once I start sketching the shapes and proportions on the canvas, at least I have captured the feeling inside me."

Klopman is currently working on a new collection inspired by her travels and the MiA family is thrilled to see what this talented artist does next.





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