



Abbreviated Gestures
Simon Degroot

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In these works, I am interested in amplifying hand-drawn gestural marks and minor details. Like tending to a garden or keeping a visual journal, the paintings are a space for thinking. Each mark operates as both a reference to the tactile movements of a finger across a touch screen as well as to the history of gestural abstraction. The colourful touches are like an enlarged dissemblant tending, which is simultaneously automatic and considered. The painted monochrome foliage supports these gestures while also suggesting that this cropped image is only a fragment of something much larger and ongoing in my practice. Imagery of fast-growing rhizomatic plants, which are often used in spaces for domestic screening, alludes to our combined search for a private *locus amoenus*, a 'pleasant place'. When resemblance meets the abstract in this shallow pictorial space there is a conflation of marks and a layering of interactions. This body of work captures sectioned moments of abbreviated gestures.

- Simon Degroot, August 2023



Abbreviated Gestures Golden Cane
2023

Oil on linen, framed
168 x 122cm

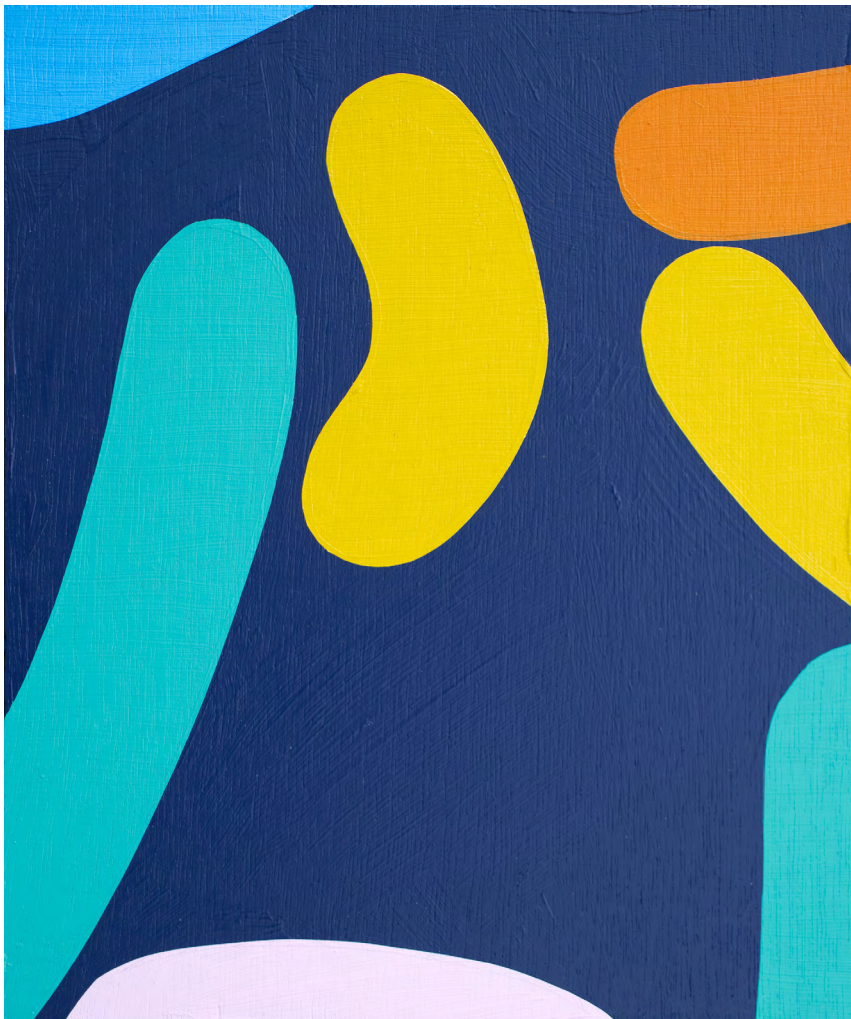
\$14,000



Abbreviated Gestures Iris 1
2023

Oil on linen, framed
122 x 107cm

\$7,000



Abbreviated Gestures Study 1
2023

Oil on board, framed
25.5 x 21cm

\$1,100



Abbreviated Gestures Iris 2
2023

Oil on linen, framed
122 x 107cm

\$7,000



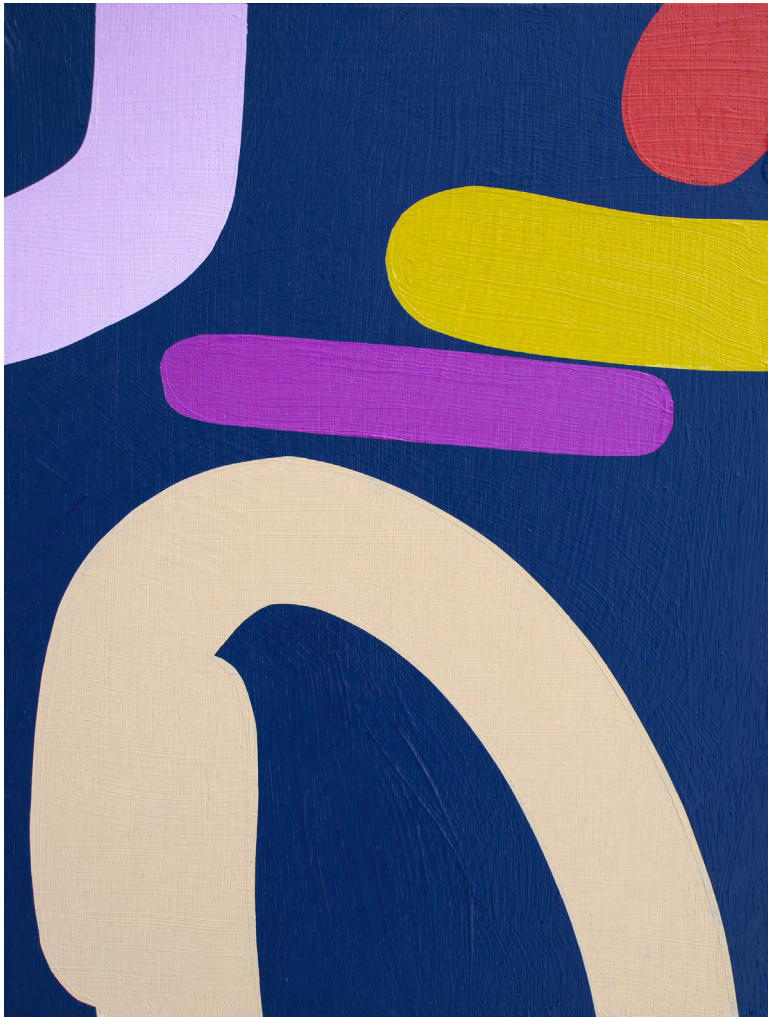
Abbreviated Gestures Shell Ginger

2023

Oil on linen, framed

168 x 122cm

\$14,000



Abbreviated Gestures Study 2
2023

Oil on board, framed
27.5 x 21cm

\$1,100



Abbreviated Gestures Study 3
2023

Oil on board, framed
29.5 x 21cm

\$1,100



Abbreviated Gestures Slender Weavers

2023

Oil on linen, framed

168 x 122cm

\$14,000



Caerula Vinea
2023
Oil on linen, framed
76.5 x 61.5cm

\$4,000





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Front cover image: *Abbreviated Gestures Iris 2 detail*

Back cover image: *Abbreviated Gestures Study 3 detail*

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