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ART FOR THE HOME reframed

New faces of the game, galleries mixing things up, and the online markets changing how we buy art - a definitive guide

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The art world can feel like a minefield for the uninitiated, what's good art, where do you find it, and how do you shop for it? A new wave of artists, galleries and online platforms is changing the conversation, making it easier than ever to buy art you actually want to live with.

WHERE TO START

Art is deeply subjective. Trust your gut - some are drawn to a piece because it evokes emotion, recalls a memory, or complements their space. There's no right answer, only what speaks to you.

KNOW YOUR LIMIT Decide what you can spend before you start browsing.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT Look up the leading galleries, visit their current exhibitions and talk to the curator about pricing and available works.

SIGN UP Make a habit of signing up for gallery newsletters. One to watch: the RHA Gallery in Dublin, with its 196th Annual Exhibition (May 25–August 9), a rare opportunity to discover emerging talent alongside established names. Join your favourite artists' mailing lists too, to hear about upcoming shows and pop-ups.

TRUST YOUR GUT Don't worry about what's considered good or which artist is "one to watch." The art will hang in your home, not a gallery, make sure you truly love it.

CURATE YOUR FEED Find artists on Instagram; it's where they connect, share exhibitions and collaborations. As you like and follow, your feed will naturally fill with similar artists to explore.

GO DIRECT Many artists and photographers sell online or through collectives. Sites like Wondering People offer original, limited-edition works from emerging artists.

TREASURE HUNT Each autumn, artists gather at Russborough to paint and sell their work directly on-site; part art fair, part day out, and free of gallery mark-up. Russborough.ie

DON'T SETTLE If an artist has sold out of your favourite works, hold out for their next collection. Never rush to buy and never let a persuasive curator talk you into something that doesn't move you.

SHOP SMART. Buying prints abroad? Purchase just the print and have it framed at home; far more economical, and a good framer will guide you well.



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OPPOSITE 8 Holland Street gallery **ABOVE** Art by Alex Heim, all at 8hollandstreet.com **BELOW** Painting by Rebecca Ashton, Partnershipeditions.com



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HOW TO HANG ART

There are no hard-and-fast rules, it's a random science, unique to the space and the work.

PLACES, PLEASE A big empty wall can feel overwhelming. Start small: hang a decorative plate above a light switch, or arrange a few frames in a row. Once you fill the smaller spots, the bigger spaces will inspire you.

HIDDEN GEMS Art doesn't have to come from a gallery. A child's drawing, a favourite photo, a menu from a special meal, if it makes you smile, frame it.

BREAK THE LINE Avoid hanging art too symmetrically. Position each piece slightly higher or lower, offset left or right, and let some edges overlap gen-

tly for a more engaging display. Mixing shapes and sizes can add depth too.

IN GOOD COMPANY When hanging a single artwork, position it low above the furniture beneath it. A lone piece drifting in isolation looks lost, art feels best when connected to the elements around it.

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX Not everything needs a frame. A bold painting can stand alone. Be brave with your choices, and remember you can always move it.

CALL IN THE EXPERTS Hanging a lot of art? Mark placements with painter's tape first. If you feel overwhelmed, call a professional, try Hang-man.ie



TOP LEFT Art by Eryn Loughheed, Partnershipeditions.com **TOP** Art by Charlie Sheppard, 8hollandstreet.com **ABOVE** Art by Phoebe Howard, Partnershipeditions.com

OPPOSITE CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Georgia Spray, founder of Partnership Editions; Art by Keziah Mornin, Art by Ali Bassett, ceramics by Noe Kuremoto, Partnershipeditions.com; Art by Luke Hannam, screen prints by William Turnbull, rug by Christopher Farr, all 8hollandstreet.com



ONLINE GALLERIES

8 HOLLAND STREET Eight Holland Street is more than a gallery and design studio - it is a masterclass in living with art. Offering bespoke services in art and furniture sourcing, curation, and interior design, the studio approaches each project with a collector's eye and a designer's sensibility. Every gallery space is conceived as a total work of art in its own right, setting a world-class standard for how art can be thoughtfully hung and beautifully lived with, 8hollandstreet.com

WONDERING PEOPLE Wondering People is a London-based art platform representing emerging and mid-career British and international artists. The collection reflects a spectrum of disciplines, including painting, photography, sculpture and mixed media, Wonderingpeople.com

PARTNERSHIP EDITIONS Partnership Editions is dedicated to making remarkable art accessible to all. With a growing roster of over 80 emerging artists, releasing limited edition art and printworks throughout the year, Partnershipeditions.com

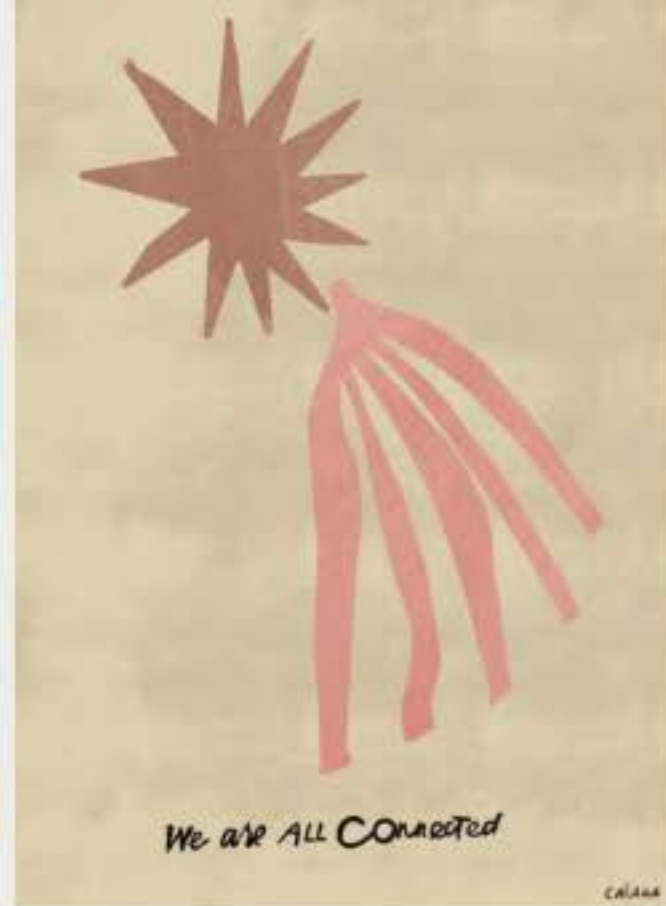
IOTA EDIT A London-based curated shop and creative subscription service offering unique, artist-sourced home goods, ceramics, and artwork, iotaedit.com

COLLINS & GREEN ART Positioning itself as an affordable source for antique and vintage artwork, Collins & Green is a must-visit for sourcing characterful, one-of-a-kind pieces with history and charm, Collinsandgreenart.co.uk

ETSY A global marketplace for handmade, vintage, and custom pieces, Etsy connects makers and artists with shoppers seeking distinctive, one-of-a-kind items for the home, Etsy.com

VINTERIOR Best known for its furniture and décor, Vinterior also offers itself as a destination for art for the home, with a thoughtfully curated mix of pieces that feel collected, personal, and far from mass-produced, Vinterior.co/art

OUTSET GALLERY Housing a gallery, interiors, botany and framing services, Outset offers a one-stop shop for sourcing, framing and styling art within the home. Be sure to catch Luke Reidy's solo exhibition on July 11 at Outset Gallery, Outset-galway.myshopify.com



INVESTMENT PIECES

MAEVE MCCARTHY Maeve's practice is deeply rooted in the ideas of home, care, and family. Working primarily in charcoal, her drawings are intensely personal and utterly breathtaking. Her upcoming exhibition at the RHA Annual is not to be missed; Maeve's work truly demands to be experienced in person to fully appreciate its depth and emotional resonance and her solo exhibition at The Molesworth Gallery in December this year, Maevemccarthy.net

KATE ZIMMERMAN TURPIN Kate is a painter deeply inspired by the rolling landscapes of her surroundings, where light and nature inform her breathtaking art. Working primarily in acrylic and pastel on unprimed canvas, Kate explores the delicate balance between light, memory, and place. Following the success of her first exhibition earlier this year, Kate is now showcasing her work exclusively through the Megan Mulrooney Gallery, Katezimmermanturpin.com

HAIDEE BECKER A true investment piece at any scale, Haidee's paintings are soft and feminine, offset by subtle injections of bold colour that lend a distinctly modern edge to her still-life subjects. From pansies to sardines, she strikes a delicate balance between gentleness and boldness, Patrickbourne.com



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Waikiki No 6, Maxwangerprintshop.com; We Are Connected print, Ciao-chiara.com; Hydrangeas by Maeve McCarthy, Maevemccarthy.net; Georgia Beaumont seated among her prints, Georgiabeaumont.co.uk

INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS TO KNOW

GEORGIA BEAUMONT Georgia burst onto the art scene a few years ago, with an intrinsically joyous mood to her artworks; their dancing botanical forms and Georgia's intuitive brush strokes combine to offer up a celebration of life itself. So rich in colour and utterly mesmerising, drawing the viewer in and refusing to let go. With a solo show at a London gallery in May, and a group show with The Violet Hour in London in June, this one is one to watch, follow, swoon over, Georgiabeaumont.co.uk

CIAO CHIARA Chiara's painting practice explores our emotional and symbolic connection to the natural world, where plants and celestial movements become sources of protection, guidance and quiet healing. Her print shop offers a rare opportunity to collect work you love while supporting meaningful causes, including her We Are Connected print, with 100% of proceeds going towards MAP Medical Aid for Palestinians and PCRF, the Palestinian Children's Relief Fund, Ciao-chiara.com

MAX WANGER With an expansive, impressive portfolio, Max Wanger captures his subjects through negative space, allowing each image to tell its own story. Described as bold and whimsical, it's easy to see why this photographer is so highly sought after for his distinctive style, Maxwangerprintshop.com



PHOTOGRAPHY DEMELZA LIGHTFOOT



Colour, architecture, design, and geometry converge in the work of artist John Redmond, forming a visual language that is both structured and contemplative. He describes his practice as a meditative state, akin to yoga, an approach that quietly underpins and animates his paintings. John's inaugural sculpture show is happening on May 31 at Gormleys, Dublin, Johnredmondart.ie, Gormleys.ie

PHOTOGRAPHY BARBARA CORSICO

ARTISTS TO MEET AND BUY IN PERSON

NCAD Undergraduate shows, 1st years exhibition runs from 7-11 May. Final year is on from 5-13 June. Ncad.ie

Belfast College of Art BCOA along with NCAD, are some of the best places to snap up original art for a steal. This year's undergraduate shows are running from 5-20 June inclusive. Ulster.ac.uk/bsoa

Markets Weekend markets such as the People's Park in Dun Laoghaire and Marlay Park CoCo, Saturdays 11-4. Bushy Park, Saturdays 10-4.

Antique dealers or antique shops or via dealers, like Whytes.ie

Molesworth Gallery An acclaimed gallery representing some of Ireland's finest artists, ideal for investment pieces whether you're starting a collection or adding to one. Curator Ronan Lyons has a tip for new buyers: "Go to degree shows, every artist showing with the Molesworth had one, where their work could have been bought for a few hundred euros." Watch out for upcoming solo shows from Cristina Bunello and John Kindness. Molesworthgallery.com

Gallery print shops Leading galleries like Tate Modern sell high-quality prints of iconic works, some of which appreciate over time. Seek out limited editions, look for small runs like 1/50, and always verify credibility if buying outside the gallery directly. Buy for enjoyment first though; investment returns are the exception, not the rule. Tate.org.uk

Doorway Gallery Drop in and explore at this welcoming spot, with bi-monthly exhibitions showcasing its resident artists. Founder Denise puts it simply: "Start by looking around galleries to understand what resonates with you. Lean into what you love, not what's trending. After all, you have to live with it." This season, catch Kate Beagan (May 7-20) followed by Karen Wilson (May 21-June 4). Doorwaygalleryprints.com

Gerard Byrne Gallery Self-taught artist Gerard boasts an expansive portfolio spanning cityscapes, charcoals, seascapes, and figurative works. Best known for his striking florals and lush foliage, a visit to this new gallery location is a must, offering viewers the opportunity to immerse



themselves in his richly varied body of work. His newly opened, Gerard Byrne Gallery is an impressive 2,000 sq ft commercial space located in the heart of Dublin city, well worth a visit. Gerardbyrneartist.com

Sparknet Co-founded by artists Steve Bradbury and Olena Kasian, SparkNet is Ireland's first true hybrid gallery - a place to buy art, showcase art and create art, all in one. Founder Steve advises new collectors to "start with smaller original works or limited-edition prints, trust your instinct, and don't be afraid to ask artists or galleries questions. A good piece of art should grow with you over time, not intimidate you." Sparknet.ie

Abhainn Studio An independent fine art print shop, with a bespoke framing studio situated along the Wild Atlantic Way. Featuring work such as 'Fantasy Art Farm', Ro Dillon, €90. Abhainnstudio.com

The Horse Dublin A vibrant, experimental hub for contemporary art in the heart of Dublin 1. Unlike many traditional galleries in Ireland that primarily showcase established or commercially driven work, The Horse champions emerging, underrepresented and boundary-pushing artists, giving voice to creative practices that often sit outside the mainstream. Thehosedublin.xyz

Graphic Studio An essential part of the city's cultural fabric, Dublin's first fine art print gallery boasts the largest collection of fine art prints in the city. With frequent exhibitions and live print demonstrations, its catalogue spans an impressively wide range of printing processes. Graphicstudiodublin.com

ABOVE Vico Views by Steve Bradbury. Sparknet.ie LEFT Hold Fast by Louise Leonard. Graphicstudiodublin.com RIGHT Art by Tom Climent (available at Outset Gallery, Galway) hanging in the home of and designed by interior designer Lynne O'Loughlin. Lynneoloughlin.com

WHERE TO FRAME

Any good framer worth their salt will guide you on best practices and mounting styles to enhance your pieces. Some trusted framers are:

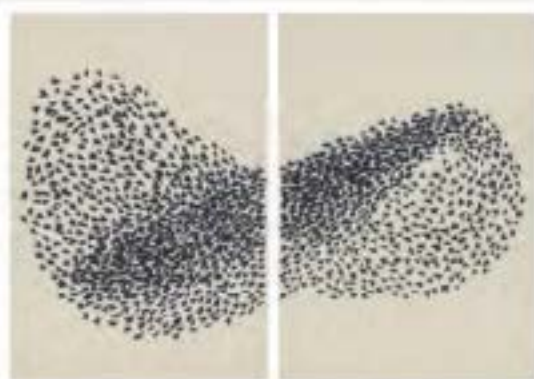
Fox Dublin, Co Dublin, Foxframing.ie
Copper House, Dublin 8, Thecopperhouse.ie
Baggot Framing, Dublin 4, Baggotframing.ie
Fráma, Co Kildare, Frama.ie
Outset design & framing, Galway, Outset-galway.myshopify.com
Abhainn Studio & Framing, Sligo, Abhainnstudio.com



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT A storm outside print, Gavin Doyle, €110, Artistgmd.com; Mabel in red dress print by Doreen Kilfeather, from €500, Instagram.com/dkilfeather; Artist Domino Whisker, in her studio; Eoghan by Liz Rackard, €1,000, Lizrackard.com. She Reclines, Lola Donoghue.com

IRISH ARTISTS TO KNOW

Ireland is awash with fresh talent, from painting and embroidery to fine art photography, all reshaping the landscape. With something for everyone - and every home - there's plenty to admire, starting from entry-level pricing right up to the pieces that are more aspirational. Here are a handful catching our eye of late:

SARAH O'DEA Decorative artist and calligrapher, Sarah has creativity baked into her DNA. The daughter of two well-known, established artists, she has clearly inherited an exceptional eye and a natural flair for her craft. Long admired for her elegant penmanship and much-loved workshops, O'Dea now turns her attention to the art world with a striking collection of gouache botanical prints, Sarahodea.ie

NIAMH MORAN Striking pencil drawings and archival pigment inks make this artist incredibly unique and set her apart from others. Known for her outdoor bath series and vivid neon colour palettes, Niamh has developed a practice that is so refreshing and distinctive. Her work is often described as spontaneous and quirky. @niamhmoranartist

LOUISE CHERRY From her studio in sunny Wicklow Town, Louise Cherry's Purple Rain collection is a quietly ironic triumph, layered abstract shapes and saturated colour that feel both atmospheric and deeply expressive. Each artwork is available as a limited-edition print. Catch

her at Art Source in November. Purple Rain IV print from €350, Louisecherry.com

GAVIN DOYLE Self-taught and climate conscious, Gavin reuses and recycles old canvases, boards and frames to create his moody, expressive paintings. His work carries an old-world sensibility with a contemporary edge, lending itself beautifully to interior spaces, Artistgmd.com

JIMMY KILGALLEN From his base in County Sligo, Jimmy captures everything from sweeping coastal vistas to the rich textures of rural life, Abhainnstudio.com

LUKE REIDY Sharp lines meet translucent pigments of colour to create architectural structures and shapes that are so striking. Luke has mastered his craft in screen printing perfectly. Lukereidyartist.wordpress.com

LIZ RACKARD Liz began her artistic career dyeing and weaving silk before later picking up a paintbrush and truly starting her journey with portraiture and landscape. Today, she creates exquisite miniature portraits, each set in vintage glass bubble frames for an intimate, heirloom quality, a forever keepsake, Lizrackard.com.

LOLA DONOGHUE Based in Galway, Lola is best known for her large-scale abstract paintings. Her work carries a

diffused, ethereal atmosphere, set against a quiet tension between space and colour. Lola's next series will be released this autumn and made available online exclusively to subscribers of her mailing list, Loladonoghue.com

DOREEN KILFEATHER Doreen is a raw talent with an extraordinary eye - her photography is drenched in light and movement, capturing moments with a cinematic elegance that feels effortlessly fashion-forward. @dkilfeather

DOMINO WHISKER Domino's work is unmistakably her own, layered with depth, meaning, and an undeniable pull. Drawing on themes of grief and memory, everything she creates feels deliberate and deeply considered, though it is her birds that truly captivate. Domino sells smaller works directly through her website and regularly exhibits in Dublin, she also occasionally accepts commissions, Dominowhisker.com

SUPERFOLK The stalwarts of the lino print world are this husband and wife team Gearoid Muldowney and Jo Anne Butler. Their latest collection is a body of work that feels fresh, tactile, and deeply connected to the natural world. Their newest offering is Murmuration, (pictured above), a large-scale, two-panel work inspired by the collective rhythmic flight of starlings over Lough Carra, near their studio in Mayo, Superfolk.com