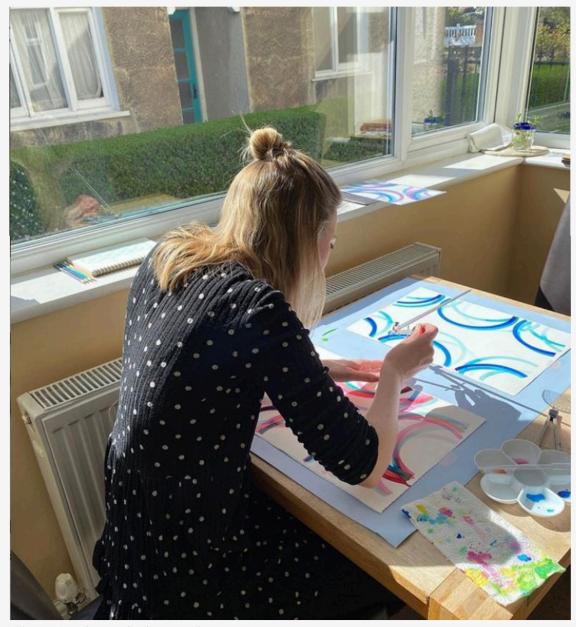
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#artistsupportpledge Artists in Lockdown



Fiona Grady at pledge work

The scheme initiated by Sussex-based painter Matthew Burrows has proved a roaring success: over 70,000 works have been posted for sale via Instagram at #artistsupportpledge, and business has been brisk, with some £15m of sales

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generated to date. Works are offered for up to £200, and when an artist sells £1,000-worth they pledge to spend £200 supporting another artist. I gave myself a budget of that same £1,000 as a way to support artists whose works I like, and in several cases the covid-appropriate charitable causes towards which they in turn are donating some of their receipts. The set also acts a commemoration of these strange and alarming times.



Fiona Grady: Rainbow (yellow, orange, red) III, 2020

Fiona Grady's work is at its most characteristic when installed on windows, where the light floods through her colourful vinyl geometries to intoxicating effect. So there's a sense in this lockdown production (as per image at top) of the artist stuck inside. Her motif in a seductive new series of ink drawings is upbeat, it's true, but let's not get carried away: these are only partial rainbows, and feature only some of their usual colours.



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