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# *Design\*<sup>\*</sup>Sponge*

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Megan Williamson + Best of the Web



It's incredible how much environment can shape and inform the work we do. Since moving to a small town upstate, I've found myself less interested in the highly linear and graphic artwork that I typically prefer and more interested in watercolor, pastels and gouache in a way I never was before. I feel like my mind is adapting to a bit more open space and no matter what the reason is, I'm happy to be exploring work that feels fresh and new to me.





Megan Williamson is a Chicago-based painter whose work reminds me of my favorite Fauvist painters combined with a nod to contemporary pattern and textile design. I love the way she uses bold brushstrokes, big swaths of saturated color and works in bits of pattern here and there. (Her work has even been turned into wallpaper!) I thought it would be a beautiful way to end the week, surrounded by so much color and life. [Click here](#) to check out more of Megan's work (you can buy her originals online). Until Monday, have a safe and happy weekend! xo, grace