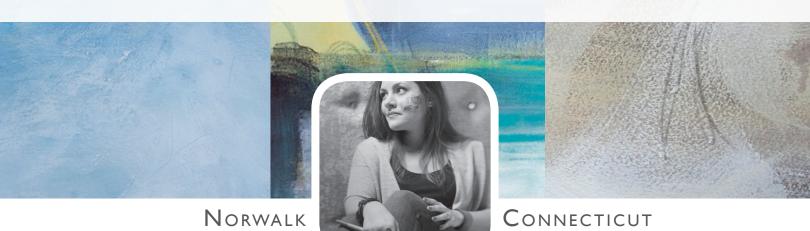


JULIA CONTACESSI



Contemporary abstract artist Julia Contacessi explains her process as a combination of conscious and subconscious exploration. With a focus on color, texture and composition, Julia strives to deliver an atmospheric, feel-good effect in every one of her pieces. The artistic influence of Helen Frankenthaler and her belief that there is "no formula" and the artist should "let the picture lead you where it must go," are principles that Julia embraces. In addition, finding beauty in the contrasting nature of things, much like artist Patricia Larsen, is what Julia seeks through her work. After graduating from Pratt Institute, Julia moved from Brooklyn, New York to Norwalk, Connecticut where she currently resides with her husband and son. Although her passion lies in painting, she also enjoys all things design. Her work has been featured in several publications — including Domino and Lonny — as well as designer showhouses. Sprinkle in the occasional 5 mile run and feisty conversations across the family dinner table on Sunday evenings and you have a good view of her world.

