

# Art in isolation style

Owing to the lockdown, many artists have gone back to the drawing board and are creating stunning pieces of art. 10 prominent names share their work

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Perhaps the words of Elizabeth Broun, former director of Smithsonian American Art Museum and the Renwick Gallery in Washington, best sum up the purpose of contemporary art. She says: "Art is not always about pretty things. It's about who we are, what happened to us, and how our lives are affected."

Locked down in different parts of the world as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, few prominent artists — who would otherwise spend their time shuttling between biennales, art fairs and museum shows — have been interpreting the world as they see it.



**{ Dhruvi Acharya | Isolated in Mumbai }**

I didn't have a plan to paint about the coronavirus, but the stress was getting to me. So, on the day of the Janta Curfew, on March 22, I decided to go to the studio and just paint whatever was on my mind. I continued making watercolours daily. The works are about the psychological impact of the pandemic — the social distancing, loneliness, fear of the virus being transmitted via a touch, sneeze or cough, fear of the disease, news of death and illness around the world and the hungry migrants in India.



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