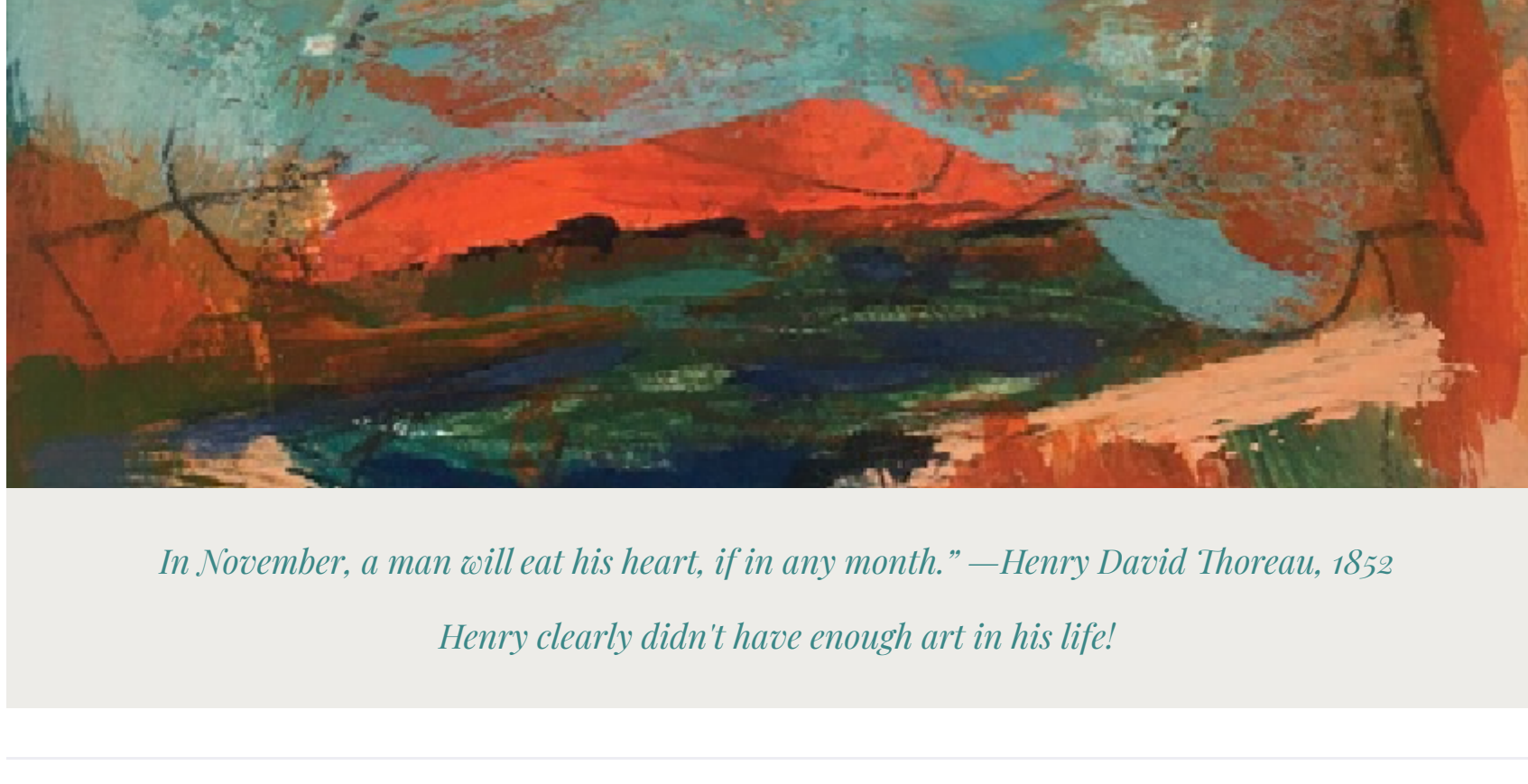
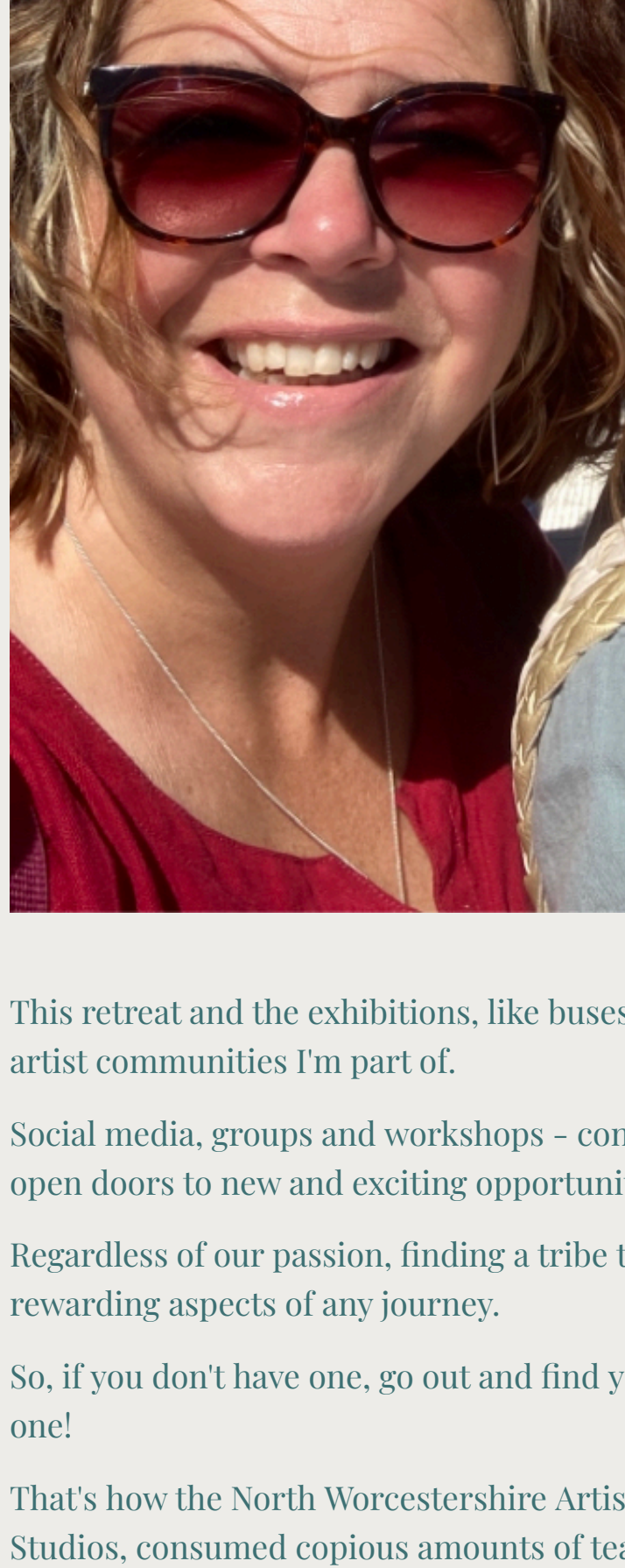


November 2023

Suzanne Nicholl - Contemporary Artist -



In November, a man will eat his heart, if in any month. —Henry David Thoreau, 1852
Henry clearly didn't have enough art in his life!



A Heartfelt Thank You!

A huge thank you to all the wonderful folks who supported my artistic endeavours recently! From exhibition visitors, to those who've signed up for and attended my workshops. And those who have simply sent messages of encouragement. Thank you!

It's been an art-filled whirlwind over the last few weeks, participating in five exhibitions, meeting new people and soaking up all the inspiration.

If you missed out on the fun, you can catch me at Blackwell Community Hall Bromsgrove or Creatives Connect Malvern in the next week. Deets below.

October kicked off with an inspirational week in Cornwall with two artist friends. We spent our days immersed in creativity, sparking ideas, and transforming our perch-cliffed haven into a pop-up studio. Of course I over packed! Why bring one canvas when you can bring five?!

This retreat and the exhibitions, like buses arriving all at once, are thanks to the amazing artist communities I'm part of.

Social media, groups and workshops – connections lead to networks and friendships that open doors to new and exciting opportunities.

Regardless of our passion, finding a tribe that shares our enthusiasm is one of the most rewarding aspects of any journey.

So, if you don't have one, go out and find your people! If a community doesn't exist, create one!

That's how the North Worcestershire Artist Collective came to be. We met at Open Studios, consumed copious amounts of tea and cake, created and gelled together. We have just got our [insta account](#) off the ground and now, we're on the brink of our third exhibition!

Get ready for a visual feast!



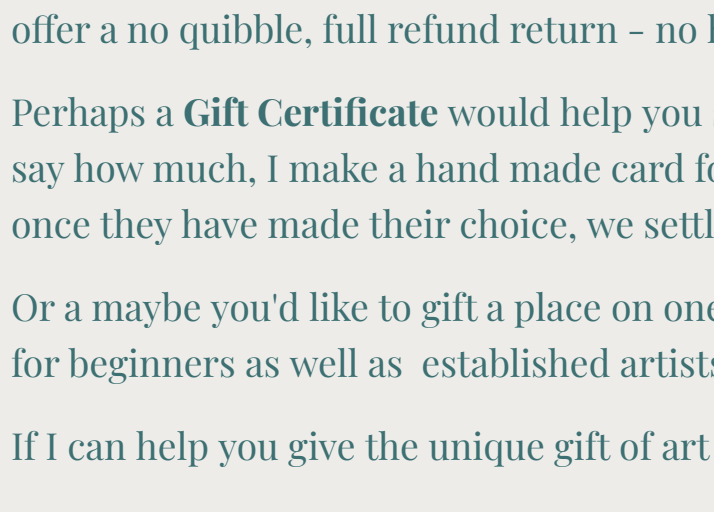
Art Exhibition

And a mince pie! What's not to love!

Hope to see you there.

You can now follow the North Worcestershire Artist Collective on Instagram and see what we are up to!

[Follow NWAC](#)



Give the Gift of Art

If you would like to get Christmas all wrapped up with a unique gift, you can view some of my available work on my [website](#) and there's a lot more in my studio!

Prices range from £30 upwards and each gift comes, wrapped with a hand made card and free delivery within Worcestershire, up until Dec 22nd.

So just get in touch to **arrange a studio visit, or video call**, to choose the perfect painting. And don't worry, you can't get it wrong – if your loved one doesn't love it, then I offer a no quibble, full refund return – no hard feelings!

Perhaps a **Gift Certificate** would help you sort the gift dilemma for someone special? You say how much, I make a hand made card for them to open on Christmas morning and once they have made their choice, we settle up then. So no money up front!

Or a maybe you'd like to gift a place on one of my **Spring Painting Workshops**, suitable for beginners as well as established artists?

If I can help you give the unique gift of art this festive season, [just let me know](#).

[View my Art](#)

Wonderful Art in a Great Space

This fabulous pop up exhibition is set in the beautiful Christ Church, Malvern, and includes twenty two local artists from textile to print!

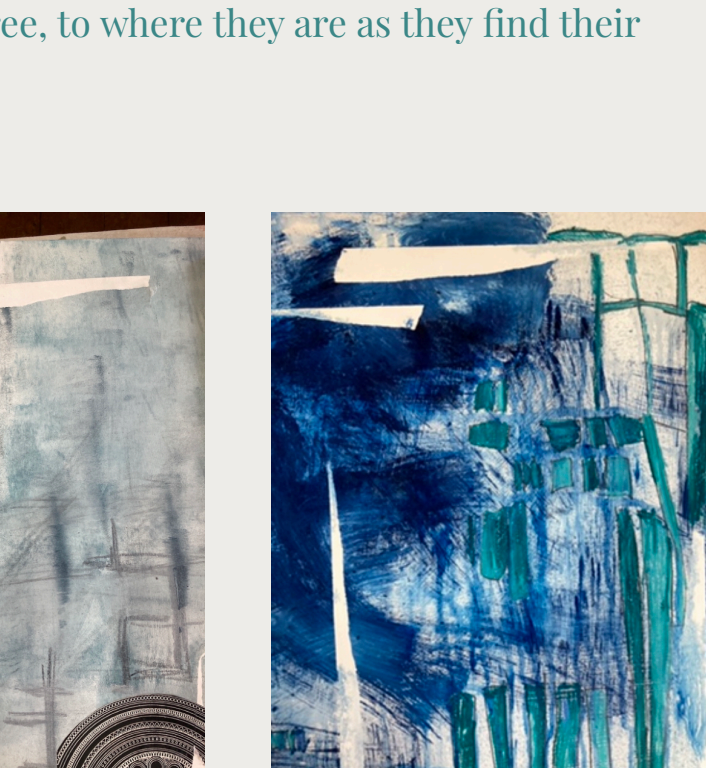
We are here all weeks so why not pop in and soak up the creativity!

Creatives connect is a new and exciting endeavour to raise the profile of the arts in Malvern.

You can follow us on [Instagram](#) and see what we're up to.

ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS AT CHRISTCHURCH

A display of local artworks in the magical Christchurch Avenue Rd.



Mon 20th to Sat 25th November 10am - 4pm
Christchurch, Avenue Road Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 3AY
[www.creativesconnectmalvern.org](#)

Who doesn't love a port in a storm?

I soaked up all Cornwall had to offer – precarious paddle boarding in glorious sun, sketching on the lichen laden rocks and potting around the rain soaked harbour.

While there I worked on some large canvases and a few collage boards, trying to capturing the mix of coastal heritage and raw wild beauty.

I love using collage as a means of layering history and time. I want my pieces to resonate with my experience of the place, even if most of the collage is covered by the painting process.

I'm always scouring places for found papers and objects to make an appearance in my work. A scribbled note, a lost shopping list, or a local poem found in a church charity stall, are my treasures.

These pieces below are developing, and I thought you may like to see how they've progressed from the first layers, in the top three, to where they are as they find their direction, in the bottom three images.

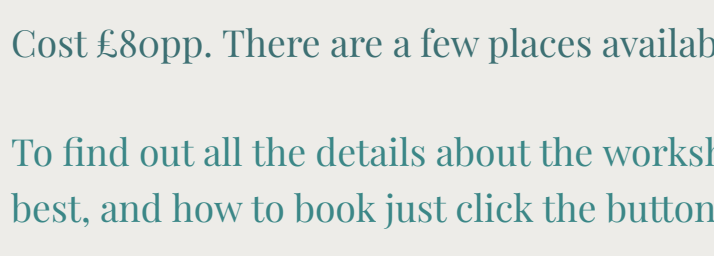


I normally work on board so it was a new experience for me to paint on this large canvas. I began with bits of blending over motifs I was interested in, which may make a reappearance later on. A few layers in and I'm loving the palette that's developing, but I'm still not sure which way up it will eventually land 😊



Workshop Dates

Sign up for some New Year Creativity!



10th February – Workshop 1: Exploring Expressive Abstraction

11th February – Workshop 2: Developing Abstraction

2nd March – Full Workshop 1: Exploring Expressive Abstraction

3rd March – Workshop 2: Developing Abstraction

All workshops run 10.00 – 4.30 All materials and light refreshment provided. Cost £8opp. There are a few places available!

To find out all the details about the workshops, including which one will suit you best, and how to book just click the button below.

Hope you can join me!

[Workshop details....](#)

What past attendees have to say about my workshops:

I don't think I could have had a more enjoyable workshop-CB 22

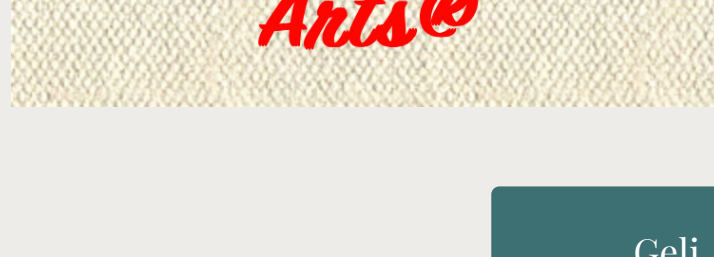
Another step to towards becoming looser-AW 23

Loved the speed of activity and how much has been produced by the end of the day-LA 23

Great to try different techniques and 'free' myself up for future work-VW 23

I think this will be really useful in getting me started in abstraction. We covered such a lot - MM 23

Artist corner

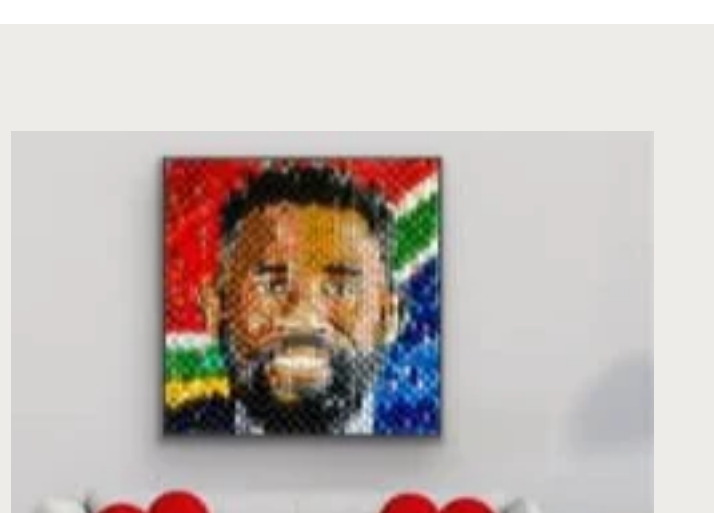


I love a Gelli Print or two, but I find they can be a bit hit and miss.

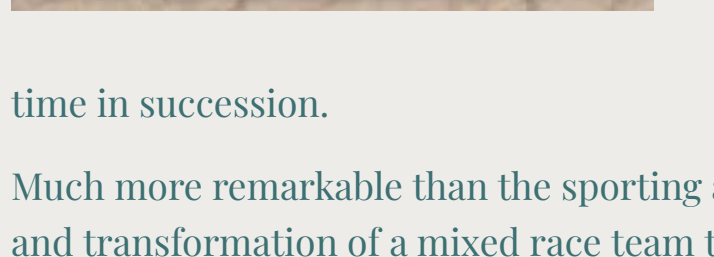
Until now I have just discovered a wealth of fabulous videos made by the creators of the Gelli plate!

The manufacturer's instructional videos are available on YouTube with an extensive library of over 500 how-to videos.

Be warned though! Once you start, you won't want to stop!!



[Gelli Art Videos](#)



'Art, no matter when it was made, can teach us that violence is never the answer' – Katy Hessel

There's a lot wrong in the world atm and in this [article](#) Katy Hessel shares her view on how art speaks to our shared humanity.

As the horrors of the world surrounded us, October saw a young black South African lead the Springboks to victory, becoming rugby world champions for a second time in succession.

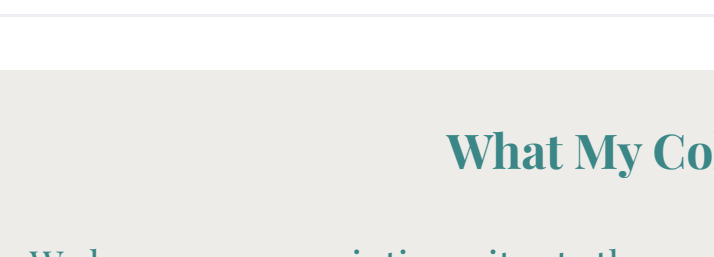
Much more remarkable than the sporting achievement, is the creation and transformation of a mixed race team that sets an example and inspiration to a nation. Unimaginable in the 70's when I watched as a kid in Wales.

My joy at seeing the Springboks lift the World Cup could only be surpassed by Wales lifting it! If only! But I will never begrudge the Boks!

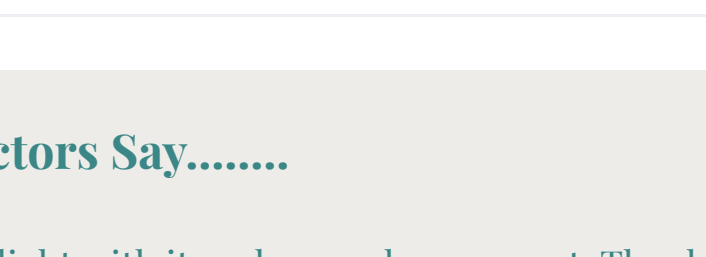
Even if you're not a rugby fan, check out this artist's tribute to their captain Siya Kolisi. Then close your eyes and listen to this once liberation song, now part of the South African National anthem – [Nkosi Sikelel' iMfika](#).

It gives us all hope 🙏

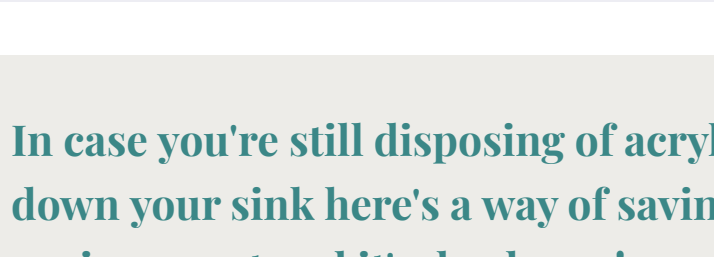
Inspiring me lately



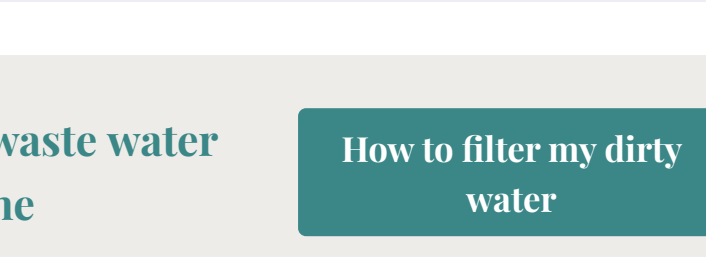
I've been exploring using different painting surfaces, but this one takes the biscuit!



'Out of this Chaos' – something I have in common with Francis Bacon!!



'Immerse yourself in colour' – I want to be a colour walk! Fashion icons and truly joyful characters.



Great advise whatever we're about! I'm writing a blog post about this artist – she's fascinating.

What My Collectors Say.....

We love our new painting – it sets the room alight with its colour and movement. Thank you for opening up your studio and giving us such a great experience in choosing our favourite piece of art! – MD 23

In case you're still doing of acrylic waste water down your sink here's a way of saving the environment and it's dead easy!

[How to filter my dirty water](#)

Some Useful Links

- Contact me
- Instagram
- Book a studio visit
- My YouTube Channel
- View Website

Find me on Pinterest?

[Creating Abstract Paintings](#)

I'm always adding to my Pin Boards – check out the board that shows my journey so far.

If you found value in this news letter, please forward it to a friend or two! And if you are that friend, you can learn more about my work and sign up to receive your own [letter](#).

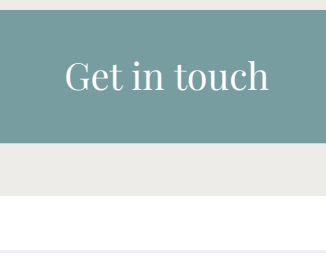
If you'd like to catch up on previous newsletters you can find them all here. Please bear in mind however that like all of us, as time passes things may not work as well and the external links may not be up-to-date. Enjoy

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Thanks again for being here. I hope you found some fun and inspiration. Let me know what you think – I'd love to hear from you.

With love

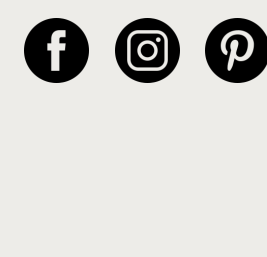
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