



## Allison Taplin

*Terrain* – The Corner Store Gallery

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When my son died, I was heartbroken and I felt like life had lost its colour and joy. I worked through the grief in lots of ways but it was painting that gave me a huge sense of peace and calm and I enjoyed the meditative process of making marks without trying to create anything in particular. It was through painting that I noticed the different moods of the sky, how absorbing the clouds are, and little things in nature that were beautiful and fragile. I found myself wondering how I would paint them and what colour paint I would need.

This started a real connection for me between painting and nature and soon painting from my nature walks became a lovely habit that helped me remember how beautiful the world can be. Over the last few years, I've literally painted my heart out over and over. Often buyers tell me that they feel a sense of calm from my paintings and I love that they bring the same sense of calm to other people that painting them brings to me.

This collection continues to celebrate big skies and also focuses on nature's beautiful details like swaying grasses and the incredible texture of bark on gnarled old gum trees.