



## **Helena Newcombe**

***Untitled* – The Corner Store Gallery**

**March 15 - 26**

Helena is a local Hunter Valley Artist with a Diploma in Fine Arts, specialising in small acrylic embroidered mixed media artworks. She recently moved to regional NSW, and lives amongst the rolling hills. She draws inspiration from the nature and landscapes surrounding her home and the rare quiet moments in life.

As an abstract textile-based artist, her work is intuitive and practice driven, focusing on imaginative colour play. She loves working with the immediacy of acrylic, combining this with the nostalgic sensitivity of embroidery.

Her love of textiles started when she was young, learning to sew on her grandmother's antique Singer sewing machine. Embroidering was a natural progression, a slow meditative practice that both calms and inspires her.

'Untitled' is a body of work based on Helena's love of textiles, design and colour. She wanted to create bold and patterned pieces with a handmade, nature-based aesthetic. A free-spirited bohemian palette leans heavily on earthy tones, browns, greens, and pastel pinks with jewelled overtones.

Applying the Rorschach technique, she monoprints her image with controlled composition, geometric design, and merging nonlinear shapes. The eye maps out a mirrored pattern to embroider, resulting in an eclectic style rooted in cultural sensibility.