

Abstractions

by Owen Rye
16 June to 10 July 2022



Owen Rye, *Deconstruction 5*, 2022

Two media make up this exhibition, neither of which is related to my public reputation as a woodfirer. There is not a vessel to be seen.

For the past fifteen years I have made close-up photos of old machinery, looking for abstract images. From around a thousand, I have selected eighteen. Six of them are pure abstraction. Six of them suggest being parts of machinery. And six of them include old faded signwriting, weatherworn to a stage that hints at the presence of words; but they are not at all clear. They may be in a language we understand; or may not.

The other part of the exhibition involves ceramic sculptures, again abstract in nature, not intended to have any reference to anything specific. I have always played with sculpture as a sideline to my better-known work. This is my first exhibition where it features prominently.

For me the concept of abstraction suggests there is no meaning, that nothing is represented, that there is no relationship to anything, no connections. But Hermann Rorschach explained many years ago that each person who looks at an abstraction sees something in it – and generally each person sees something different, in a search for meaning or reality. So interacting with an abstraction can tell you something about yourself.

- Owen Rye

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1. <i>Abstract 1</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed	6. <i>Abstract 6</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed
2. <i>Abstract 2</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed	7. <i>Hidden Words 1</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed
3. <i>Abstract 3</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed	8. <i>Hidden Words 2</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed
4. <i>Abstract 4</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed	9. <i>Hidden Words 3</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed
5. <i>Abstract 5</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed	10. <i>Hidden Words 4</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed

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11. <i>Hidden Words 5</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed	22. <i>Deconstruction 6</i> Stoneware, terracotta, slip pine. 2022 26 x 28 x 19cm	\$900.00
12. <i>Hidden Words 6</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed	23. <i>Deconstruction 10</i> Stoneware, terracotta, slip pine. 2022 22 x 22 x 24cm	\$750.00
13. <i>Machine 1</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed	24. <i>Deconstruction 8</i> Stoneware, terracotta, slip pine. 2022 35 x 21 x 24cm	\$950.00
14. <i>Machine 2</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed	25. <i>Deconstruction 11</i> Stoneware, terracotta, slip Merbau. 2022 22 x 15 x 25cm	\$700.00
15. <i>Machine 3</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed	26. <i>Horizon 9</i> Stoneware, merbau. 2022 16 x 14 x 39cm	\$700.00
16. <i>Machine 4</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed	27. <i>Horizon 11</i> Stoneware, terracotta, slip, merbau. 2022 12 x 14 x 40cm	\$700.00
17. <i>Machine 5</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed	28. <i>Horizon 3</i> Terracotta, pine. 2022 15 x 14 x 39cm	\$750.00
18. <i>Machine 6</i> Digital print. 2022 44 x 55cm	\$350.00 framed \$250.00 unframed	29. <i>Vault</i> Stoneware, terracotta, slip ironbark. 2022 29 x 14 x 25cm	\$850.00
19. <i>Procession</i> Stoneware, terracotta, slip merbau. 2022 19 x 15 x 30cm	\$850.00	30. <i>Deconstruction 9</i> Stoneware, pine. 2022 30 x 19 x 19cm	\$850.00
20. <i>Deconstruction 2</i> Terracotta, Huon pine. 2022 35 x 23 x 23cm	\$1,400.00		
21. <i>Deconstruction 3</i> Terracotta, poplar. 2022 34 x 26 x 24cm	\$1,300.00		

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31. <i>Deconstruction 1</i> Stoneware, poplar. 2022 38 x 26 x 26cm	\$1,500.00	41. <i>Horizon 10</i> Terracotta, pine. 2022 12 x 14 x 35cm	\$700.00
32. <i>Deconstruction 7</i> Stoneware, slip pine. 2022 29 x 24 x 26cm	\$900.00	42. <i>Deconstruction 5</i> Stoneware, pine. 2022 36 x 23 x 19cm	\$1,400.00
33. <i>Ceci n'est pas un bateau 1</i> Terracotta, bronze glaze merbau. 2022 16 x 14 x 52cm	\$1,150.00	43. <i>Horizon 7</i> Stoneware, terracotta slip, merbau. 2022 15 x 14 x 41cm	\$800.00
34. <i>Ceci n'est pas un bateau 4</i> Stoneware, slip, ironbark . 2022 28 x 10 x 29cm	\$1,250.00	44. <i>Horizon 8</i> Stoneware, merbau. 2022 16 x 14 x 32cm	\$700.00
35. <i>Ceci n'est pas un bateau 2</i> Terracotta, white glaze, pine. 2022 17 x 14 x 43cm	\$950.00	45. <i>Horizon 6</i> Stoneware, merbau. 2022 17 x 14 x 42cm	\$800.00
36. <i>Ceci n'est pas un bateau 3</i> Terracotta, slip, cypress. 2022 13 x 15 x 50cm	\$1,150.00	46. <i>Horizon 2</i> Stoneware, terracotta slip, merbau. 2022 22 x 14 x 34cm	\$750.00
37. <i>Deconstruction 4</i> Terracotta, bronze glaze, pine. 2022 29 x 26 x 19cm	\$1,500.00	47. <i>Horizon 12</i> Stoneware, terracotta slip, merbau. 2022 12 x 9 x 24cm	\$450.00
38. <i>Entry</i> Terracotta, bronze glaze, poplar. 2022 14 x 16 x 20cm	\$850.00	48. <i>Orthogon 1</i> Earthenware, merbau. 2022 34 x 9 x 17cm	\$750.00
39. <i>Horizon 5</i> Terracotta, pine. 2022 14 x 14 x 40cm	\$750.00	49. <i>Orthogon 2</i> Earthenware, merbau. 2022 33 x 9 x 20cm	\$800.00
40. <i>Horizon 4</i> Terracotta, pine. 2022 21 x 14 x 41cm	\$750.00		

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