

Nell Brookfield (b. 1994, London, UK) is an artist living and working in London. She received a BS in Anthropology from the University College London in the UK, a postgraduate MA-Level from the Royal Drawing School in London, UK, and attended Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. Brookfield has been an artist in residence at the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, Rhode Island; the Borgo Pignano Painting Residency with the Royal Drawing School in Volterra Pisa, Italy; and the Royal Drawing School in London, England.

Brookfield investigates the absurdity of human life, by offering humorous and strange compositions taken from her everyday experiences. Inspired by people around London, films, and books, Nell paints from observation, memory and imagination with acrylic and oil paint on canvas. Bizarre crops show intimate sections of what could be larger works, asking the viewer to imagine what might lie just beyond the canvas. Each work is covered in detailed patterns and texture, accentuating the charged moments. Nell hopes the viewer will consider what it would be like to reach out and touch the fabrics she paints, or exist within the work.

Education

- 2020 MFA Painting, Pratt Institute, New York City USA
- 2018 Postgraduate MA-Level, Royal Drawing School, London UK
- 2017 BSc, Anthropology, University College London UK

Residencies and Awards

- 2025 NYC fellowship awarded by the Royal Drawing School, supported by Hauser and Wirth, USA (October-November)
- 2019 Winter Session Residency/ Drawing Marathon at Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, USA
- 2018 Borgo Pignano Painting Residency, with the Royal Drawing School, Italy (July)
- 2018 The Drawing Year, Royal Drawing School, London UK (2017-18)

- 2025
Dogs and Cats, September Gallery, Hudson NY, USA (group)
Unseen Silence, Nell Brookfield & Heidrun Rathgeb, Bo Lee and Workman, UK (group)
ArtOnO Fair, Duarte Sequeira, Seoul, KR (group)
- 2024
Inbetweens, Duarte Sequeira, Seoul, KR (solo)
Humans Of Course Are Animals, September Gallery, Kinderhook, New York, USA (solo)
Art Cologne, November, Palo Gallery, Cologne, DE (group)
Whose Muse, Group Exhibition, Palo Gallery, New York, USA (group)
- 2023
Real Plastic Roses, Duarte Sequeira, PT (solo)
Untitled Art Fair Miami, with Duarte Sequeira, Miami, USA (group)
NADA Miami, Tabula Rasa Gallery, USA (group)
Unveiled, Group Exhibition Tabula Rasa, No.9 Frieze Cork Street, London, UK (group)
Metamorphosis, Group Exhibition, Yuul Yie x Duarte Sequeira, Seoul, KR (group)
Art Busan, Group Exhibition, Duarte Sequeira, Busan, KR (group)
- 2022
When the Knife Hits the Plate, Scream, Niru Ratnam, London, UK (solo)
The Virtues of Rebellion: Modern and Contemporary Surrealisms, Phillips X, NY (group)
David Zwirner's Platform, NADA Selection with September Gallery, USA, Online
The Sky Above the Roof, Tabula Rasa Gallery, Beijing, CN (group)
Reference Point Library 180 Strand x Amber Room, London, UK (group)
Watch the Fire From the Shore, Linseed Projects, Shanghai, CN (group)
- 2021
You Are What You Eat, Eve Leibe Gallery, London, UK (solo)
The Eyes Of The Night Creatures, Delphian Gallery, Online (group)
Trinity Buoy Wharf Drawing Prize Exhibiton, London, UK (group)
Bow Open, Curated by Gal-Dem, London, UK (group)
On Reflection: 700 Years of Dante Alighieri, Crypt Gallery, London, UK (group)
Art on a Postcard, Hoxton Gallery, London, UK (group)
For the Many Not the Few, Guts Gallery, Online (group)
Cave Canem, Eve Leibe Gallery, Online (group)
Sunday Times Watercolour Competition Exhibition, Willis Museum, UK (group)
Wilder Gallery & Purslane, Online (group)
- 2020
Buildings, Matchett & Page Gallery, Somerset, UK (group)
A Show of Hands, September Gallery, Hudson, New York, USA (group)
A Crowded Room, Matchett & Page Gallery, Somerset, UK (group)
- 2019
Man-Made Disaster with Do the Green Thing, Protein Studios, London, UK (group)
The RISD Drawing Marathon Exhibition, Rhode Island School of Design, USA (group)
- 2018
The Drawing Year End of Year Exhibition, Royal Drawing School, London, UK (group)
Best of the Drawing Year, Christies, London, UK (group)