

# Helen Frankenthaler

## Quotes

*Beautiful, Looks, Thinking, Art, Sex, Landscape, Artist, Wanted, Taste, Surface, Order, Use, Happened, Sunset, Live Life, Energy, Journey, Resent, Risk, Made*

There are no rules. That is how art is born, how breakthroughs happen. Go against the rules or ignore the rules. That is what invention is about.

~Helen Frankenthaler

Art has a will of its own. It has nothing to do with the taste of the moment or what's expected of you. That's a formula for dead art, or fashionable art.

~Helen Frankenthaler

You have to know how to use the accident, how to recognise it, how to control it, and ways to eliminate it so that the whole surface looks felt and born all at once.

~Helen Frankenthaler

I'd rather risk an ugly surprise than rely on things I know I can do.

~Helen Frankenthaler

In relations with people, as in art, if you always stick to style, manners, and what will work, and you're never caught off guard, then some beautiful experiences never happen.

~Helen Frankenthaler

There are no rules. Let the picture lead you where it must go.

~Helen Frankenthaler

Every canvas is a journey all its own.

~Helen Frankenthaler

I follow the rules until I go against them all.

~Helen Frankenthaler

I had the landscape in my arms as I painted it. I had the landscape in my mind and shoulder and wrist.

~Helen Frankenthaler

What concerns me when I work, is not whether the picture is a landscape, or whether it's pastoral, or whether somebody will see a sunset in it. What concerns me is - did I make a beautiful picture?

~Helen Frankenthaler

I don't resent being a female painter. I don't exploit it. I paint.

~Helen Frankenthaler

A picture that is beautiful, or that comes off, or that works, looks as if it was all made at one stroke.

~Helen Frankenthaler

What has made it work, or what makes certain paintings successful or not, has to do with my being a painter and a thinking, feeling person, more than my sex, color, height, origin.

~Helen Frankenthaler

I don't start with a color order, but find the colors as I go.

~Helen Frankenthaler

One really beautiful wrist motion, that is synchronized with your head and heart, and you have it. It looks as if it were born in a minute.

~Helen Frankenthaler

I wanted things that I couldn't at times articulate.

~Helen Frankenthaler

A really good picture looks as if it's happened at once. It's an immediate image.

~Helen Frankenthaler

Whatever the medium, there is the difficulty, challenge, fascination and

often productive clumsiness of learning a new method: the wonderful puzzles and problems of translating with new materials.

~Helen Frankenthaler

I have always been concerned with painting that simultaneously insists on a flat surface and then denies it.

~Helen Frankenthaler

I've explored a variety of directions and themes over the years. But I think in my painting you can see the signature of one artist, the work of one wrist.

~Helen Frankenthaler

The question of sex will take care of itself.

~Helen Frankenthaler

We would sift through every inch of what it was that worked, or if it didn't, and wonder what was effective in it, in terms of paint, the subject matter, the size, the drawing.

~Helen Frankenthaler

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