

## 5 Artists the Artnet Gallery Network Is Watching This November

This month we're looking at artists working from Brooklyn to Berlin

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Installation view "Ajarb Bernard Ategwa: Studio Ekwe's," 2020, Courtesy of Peres Projects

We're all in need of a distraction from the news cycle, and over at the Artnet Gallery Network, we've been channeling our anxieties into discovering new works by incredible contemporary artists from around the world.

This month, we've tapped into everything from electrically colorful portraits on view in Berlin, to meditative abstract woven works in Brooklyn.

If discovering new artists calms your nerves, here are five artists you may enjoy this November.

Cameroon-born artist Ajarb Bernard Ategwa blends elements of the black-and-white studio portraiture that was popular across countries in post-independence Africa with selfie culture, both of which tap into photography's potential for self-expression. Ategwa's boldly colorful portraits hint at the artist's background as a billboard painter. Here, flattened fields of color prioritize the immediate legibility of the subject. Though uncompromisingly contemporary, the shape and patterns the artist creates are reminiscent of the colorful textiles associated with the African continent, as well as the traditional beading and weaving of the Bamileke kingdom from which Ategwa is descended.