

My name is Jessica Brown and I'm an abstract expressionist! I discovered painting in the 8th grade. I remember taking an art class as an elective at my middle school, and being late to my next class because I just couldn't put down the paint brush. Through that time, I became fascinated about the world of arts and crafts. Time seemed to just vanish when I was painting or sketching.

I can recall getting in trouble for something when I was younger and getting put on punishment. I couldn't talk on the phone or go outside because of what I had done. My punishment was quickly turned into an art session where I pulled out my canvas, paints, and paint brushes. I painted for three hours straight. I was so happily focused on my art piece that I totally didn't mind being on punishment.

As I continued on taking art classes throughout the duration of my middle school and high school career, I learned quickly that abstract art would be my area of passion. I absolutely dreaded to sit and draw or paint things the way they were "supposed" to look or what society said it "should" look like. I took joy in creating the wildest and most unique things I could think of and seeing it come to life on paper or canvas.

Upon entering into college at Hinds Community college painting kind of got lost and put on the shelf; as I thought that teaching would be my life long career. After graduating from Hinds and getting accepted into Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS painting may have happened here or there in my spare time. I didn't paint as much as I did when I was younger.

One day in Starkville I sat down to paint on this large piece of peg board paneling that I turned into a 96 inch canvas. I was so excited because it was so large and had so much potential to become something extraordinary! I drew and painted for a week straight. I kept mixing different colors and drawing new things on it everyday. It reminded me of my best days as a little girl.

Painting has gotten me through my rough moments in life. It's helps me with my confidence. To me it builds my character and adds a little spice to my personality. I love art! It is the most freeing thing I've experienced in life. I can be free to paint whatever I feel and call it whatever I want. We don't get to do that often in life.

This is why I started my business apaintersthoughts, LLC. Simply because I'm the painter and my thoughts come to life on canvas. With my business I am able to share parts of myself with people all over the world. Even after I'm gone my work will live on and people will remember how free they can also be by looking up at the beautiful works I've created on their walls.