

# Super Cool Art in Amsterdam

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Who doesn't love a story of struggling artist trying to make a name for himself? I came across such an individual a few weeks ago in Amsterdam. While sitting at a bar, I noticed a young gentleman enter who was clearly a regular. The bartender knew him and the artist, Ben, immediately showed him his new brochure he'd been handling out to local art dealers. I was intrigued, so I asked if I could see it and I was amazed.

Ben has two very contrasting styles to his art. One is his black and white pen drawings. They're not only very well done, most are packed with the bizarre, edgy humor that Ben is clearly filled with. His drawings are like doodles, but much more talent and the hidden messages within each piece are fun to find.

His other style is color, psychedelic and abstract. He takes a very large black and white pen sketch and adds a world of color, sometimes subtly, sometimes not, creating quite a visual. They looked like amazing murals to me, but

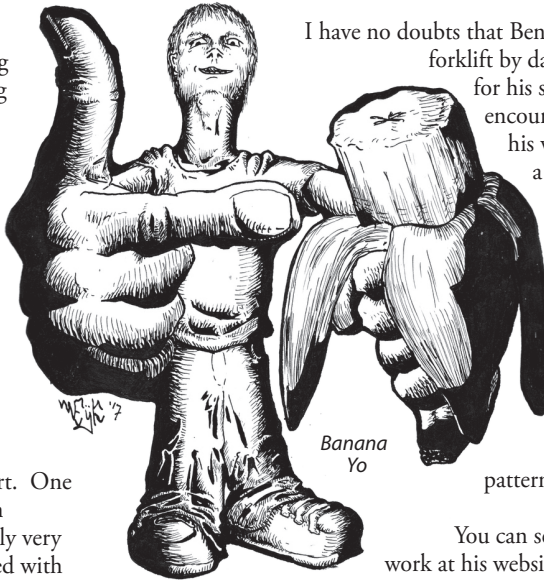
no matter your depth of art appreciation, they can be appreciated by any who appreciate bright, fun colors with a very unique twist.

I have no doubts that Ben, who drives a forklift by day, will find buyers for his splendid art pieces. I encourage you to check out his website to see just a sampling of what Ben can do. I'll also add his email in case you'd like to contact Ben about purchasing something you see, or having him create something with whatever color patterns you might like.

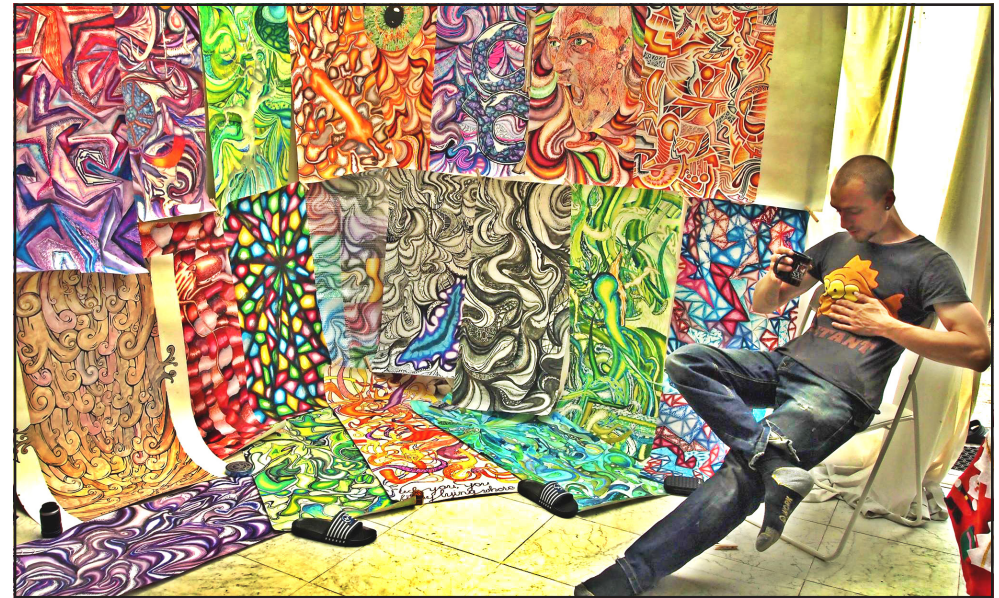
You can see more of Ben's work at his website, [benvaneijk.nl](http://benvaneijk.nl) or at [facebook.com/vaneijkBen](https://facebook.com/vaneijkBen) and his email is [vaneijk.studios@gmail.com](mailto:vaneijk.studios@gmail.com).



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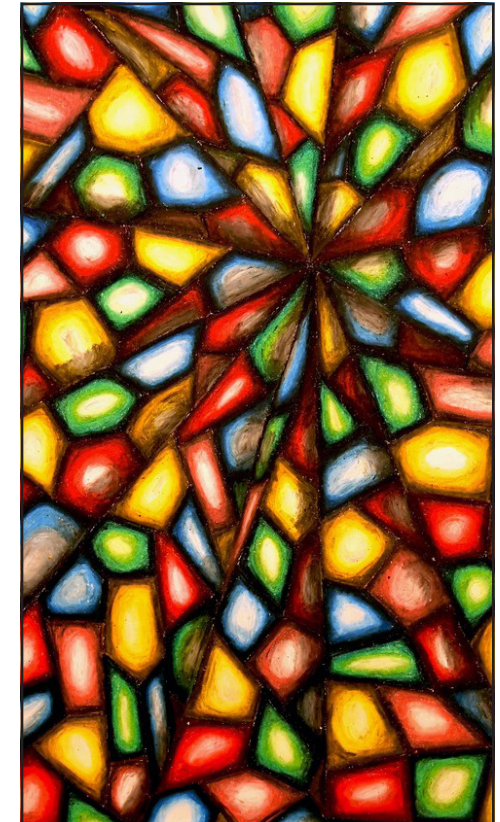
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Ben van Eijk in his studio.



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