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## Five Contemporary Black Abstract Artists You Should Know

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Spencer Russell Lewis, *Untitled*, 2019. Photo courtesy the artist and MASSIMODECARLO.

Spencer Russell Lewis creates abstract paintings on cardboard surfaces using a combination of oil, acrylic, spray paint, yarn, pastels, graphite and more. Lewis's work shows the influences of postwar gestural abstract painters, such as Franz Kline and Jules Olitski. His work

originates in digital drawings and mimics the graffiti and street art. He uses a rich palette, and some of his markings recall the human figure or suggest narrative elements and symbolism, forcing us to analyze the relationship between the paintings and their surroundings.