

The Indistinguishable Art of the Waiting Room: A Zine

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Every waiting room you will ever enter, whether it's a hospital or a family doctor's office, will have a piece of art that will always seem slightly familiar.



Whether it's a landscape painting depicting mountains or a flowing lake, or an artwork of a peaceful little village, the images are near to impossible to recollect due to their absolute...sameness.

Despite its prevalence in our day-to-day lives, waiting room art is oddly hard to research, search engines show paintings of waiting rooms but despite its instant recognisability, the images themselves are difficult to locate.







Figure 1. A circular wall-mounted artwork depicting a landscape with mountains, water, and numerous birds in flight.



The art of the waiting room is employed to calm or reassure the patient in idyllic scenes of tranquility, but somehow reminds the patient where they are. We know we're in the waiting room, because where else are these images? We always see them lurking in these spaces, but where else do they reside?



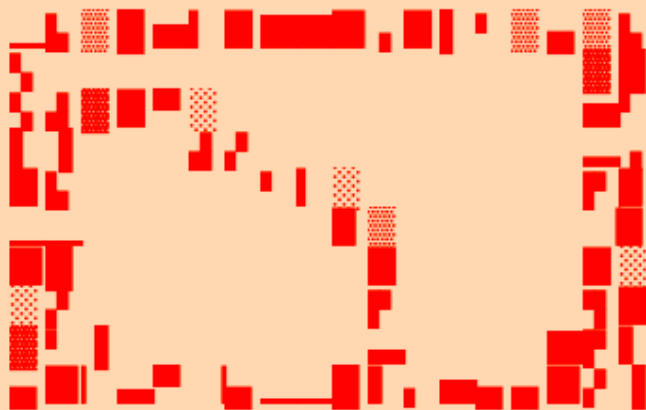
Do artists paint for this space? And what is this anomaly in a world of information so easily accessed online, why can we not find these things. And why are they all the same???



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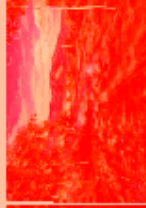
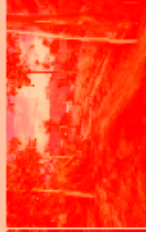


I decided to make my
own AI generated art
to show how easy it is
to create these scenes
and make them
unrecognisable from
the real thing.





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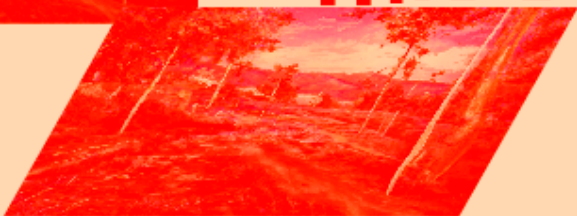


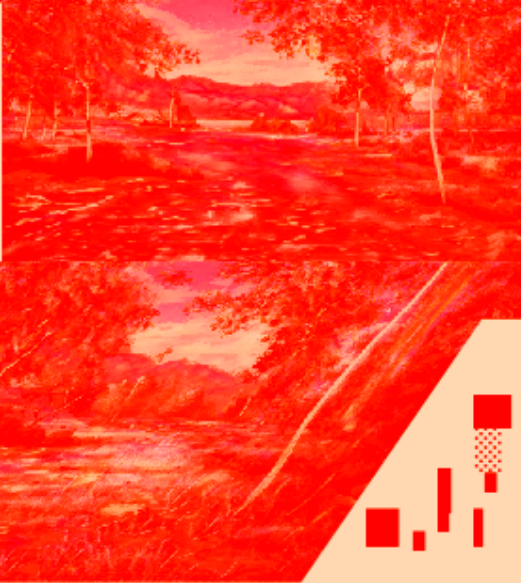
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Using artbreeder, I was able to create a perfectly acceptable landscape with sliders that add mountains, lakes and trees. The key ingredients to waiting room art









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