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Ellsworth Kelly, RIFF/T, Hannah Höch: the week's art shows in pictures

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From a mini retrospective of the American abstract painter Ellsworth Kelly in Edinburgh to an exhibition of the German Dada artist Hannah Höch in London, Skye Sherwin and Robert Clark find out what's happening in art around the country

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RIFF/T, Newcastle upon Tyne

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This two-part group exhibition pits the harmonious abstractions of RIFF (to 19 Jan), with the discordance of RIFT (to 2 Mar). If a riff is a catchy repeated musical phrase, the paintings of Nadine Feinson (pictured) and Fiona Curran certainly present a visual equivalent. Recalling rock's repetitive riffs and the Islamic-influenced tiles that adorn buildings in southern Spain and Portugal, both artists build up patterned layers that almost become decoratively predictable before being disrupted by more organic irregularities.

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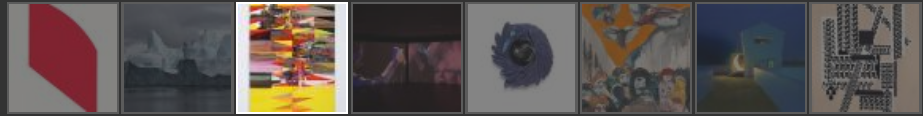
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