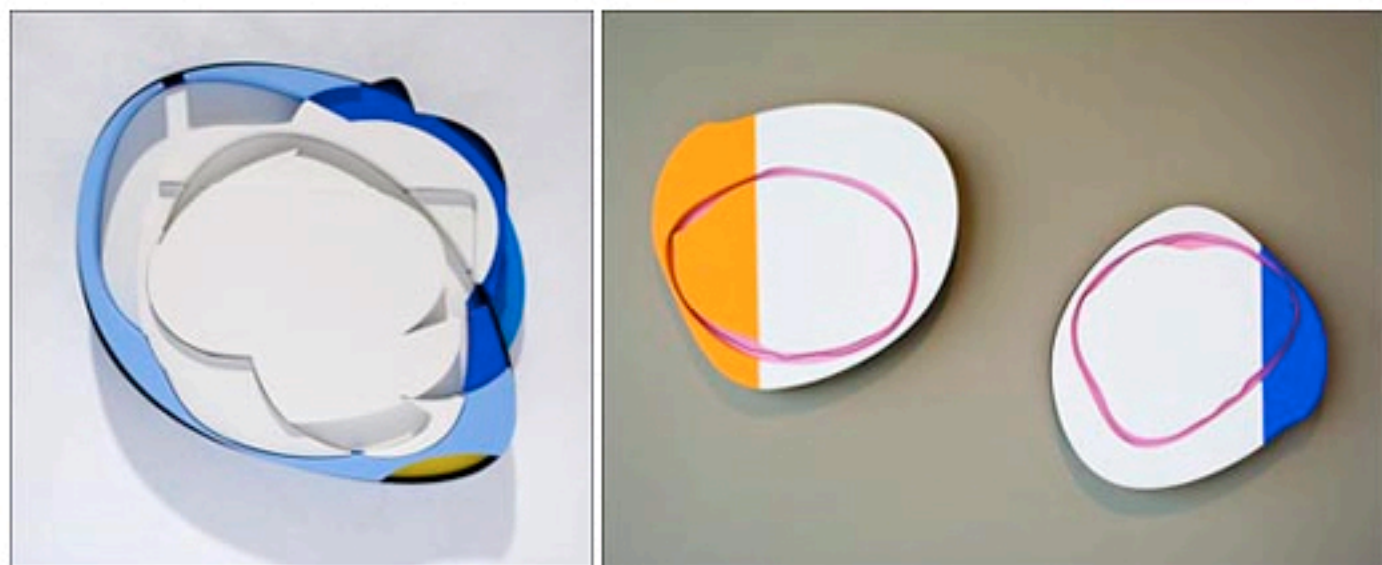




## David Ryan

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I first fell for David Ryan's work after seeing a couple of small pieces in Mark Moore's booth at Scope New York last year. Now Ryan is back with [a solo show](#) in his signature style at Mark Moore Gallery in Santa Monica. (Click images for detail.)



Ryan creates his very sculptural paintings by intricately stacking together brightly-painted pieces of MDF (medium-density fibreboard). I love the way his interlocking shapes lay on different planes, creating pieces that seem to flow in and out of one another in organic forms. It's easy to allow the slick, design-conscious aesthetic of his work to act as a frivolous distraction from the complexity of each piece. Look closer, and the way the different layers and colors play with shape and shadow force us to spatially interact with the pieces and distort the boundaries between organic and machine, art and design.

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