

Harry Roche
Our new art critic
eyes David Tomb,
Habib Kheradyar,
and SFMOMA's
magnificent
Anderson collection

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Iranian-born artist Habib Kheradyar's engaging "New Works" mesh painting and sculpture, funk and formalism, retinal and conceptual vision, physics and psychedelics into a quirky, seamless whole. By stretching diaphanous, electric Kool-Aid acid fabrics (bright orange, lavender, pink, turquoise, etc.) over white canvas panels augmented with shaped wire armatures, the L.A. tripster creates vibrant, minimalist-cum-op constructions that generate mind-bending moiré patterns - patterns that remain in perpetual commotion as the viewer moves through space. Stare at the shrill chartreuse lemon/lime diptych, then look away: You'll see a fuzzy, red aura/afterimage bleeding off the white wall. Yet for all their giddy, sheer sensuality, Kheradyar's abstract hybrids suggest metaphors of art history and politics - including allusions to the "veiled woman" (pantyhose was once the artist's fabric of choice).

"New Works"
by Habib Kheradyar
Through Nov. 30 at Linc Real
Art. 1 Otis (at 12th Street), S.F.
Open Thursday through
Saturday noon to 5 p.m. (and
by appointment). Admission is
free; call 503-1981.