"I paint sometimes, but I don't really know what I'm doing. The Surfaces collection on the Student Art Wall is essentially the amateur embodiment of my therapy. Painting is an awesome way to stay in the moment: there is no outlining and you are one with each stroke. You should try it sometime. Anyway, back in September 2013, I was going through a quarter-life-crisis. My mom shoved 2 packs of canvases and a bag of paint into my arms and said, "I'm not paying for counseling." As a result, you are now looking at Surfaces, the musings of a woman as she finally explores the meaning of solitude." - Tessa Urbanovich

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