

Artist's Statement

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"No One Likes A Mad Woman" is a 16 in by 22 mixed media piece. Although this piece was initially inspired by the song "Mad Woman" by Taylor Swift, it evolved into a space of its own. As a Black woman in America, I have found myself constantly confronted by the stereotype of the "angry Black woman" who is seen as aggressive or argumentative rather than positively outspoken. While also dealing with the stereotypes of Black women, women of all walks of life have had to deal with the pressures of femininity and softness we "should" subscribe to. Women are not always soft; sometimes, women are angry, strong, and maybe even argumentative, and these emotions should be welcomed the same way they would be coming from their male counterparts.