

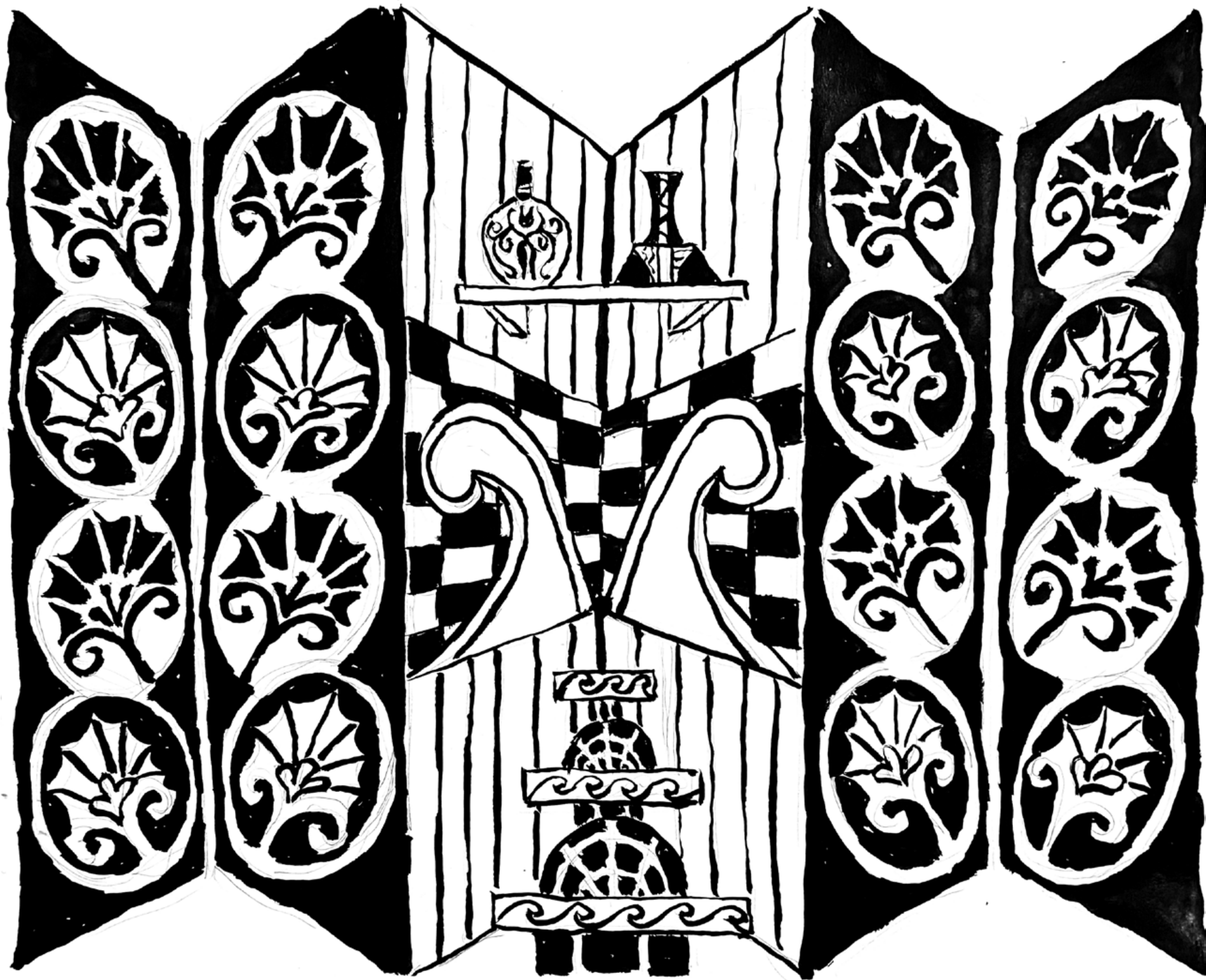
Kabinett: Elisabeth Kley
'Café Cleopatra'

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CANADA presents 'Café Cleopatra,' a site-specific installation of new sculpture and painting by Elisabeth Kley. Flanking a central entrance to the rest of the booth, a hand-painted mural complicates the space with trompe l'oeil screens and patterns inspired by sources such as The Wiener Werkstätte, ancient Egyptian design, and modern art. These patterns find their way to the surfaces of Kley's bluish-black and white painted ceramic vessels and objects, creating an immersive environment of motifs drawn from a myriad of influences.

Elisabeth Kley (b. 1956, New York, NY) is best known for her black and white ceramic sculptures, vessels, drawings, and site-specific paintings inspired by modernist theater sets and costume designs. Kley has been the subject of many solo exhibitions including CANADA, New York (2023); Bemis Center For Contemporary Arts, Omaha (2023); The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia (2021); Parts & Labor Beacon, Beacon (2021); Gordon Robichaux, New York (2019); South Willard, Los Angeles (2019), among others. Kley lives and works in New York.

Kley's work is in the collection of the Whitney Museum of American Art. Her first solo museum exhibition, *Minutes of Sand*, at The Fabric Workshop and Museum, ran from March-August 2021 and traveled to the Bemis Center for Contemporary Art in Omaha through April 2023. A catalog for *Minutes of Sand* was published in April 2023.

[Pictured on previous spread: Elisabeth in her Brooklyn, New York studio. Photo by Marquale Ashley, 2023]

Linked here: [Video documentation of Elisabeth Kley's 2023 exhibition at CANADA, A Seat in the Boat of the Sun.](#)



Red Fan Lotuses, Green Background, 2020
Watercolor and graphite on paper
17 × 14 inches (43.18 × 35.56 cm)
Framed: 20 ³/₄ × 17 ³/₄ × 1 ¹/₂ inches
(52.71 × 45.09 × 3.81 cm)



Paisley on Yellow, 2020
Watercolor and graphite on paper
17 × 14 inches (43.18 × 35.56 cm)
Framed: 20 ³/₄ × 17 ³/₄ × 1 ¹/₂ inches
(52.71 × 45.09 × 3.81 cm)





Magenta Background, 2020
Watercolor and graphite on paper
24 × 19 inches (60.96 × 48.26 cm)
Framed: 27 ³/₄ × 22 ³/₄ × 1 ¹/₂ inches
(70.49 × 57.79 × 3.81 cm)



Blue Background, Red and Gold, Greek, 2020
Watercolor and graphite on paper
24 × 19 inches (60.96 × 48.26 cm)
Framed: 27 ³/₄ × 22 ³/₄ × 1 ¹/₂ inches
(70.49 × 57.79 × 3.81 cm)



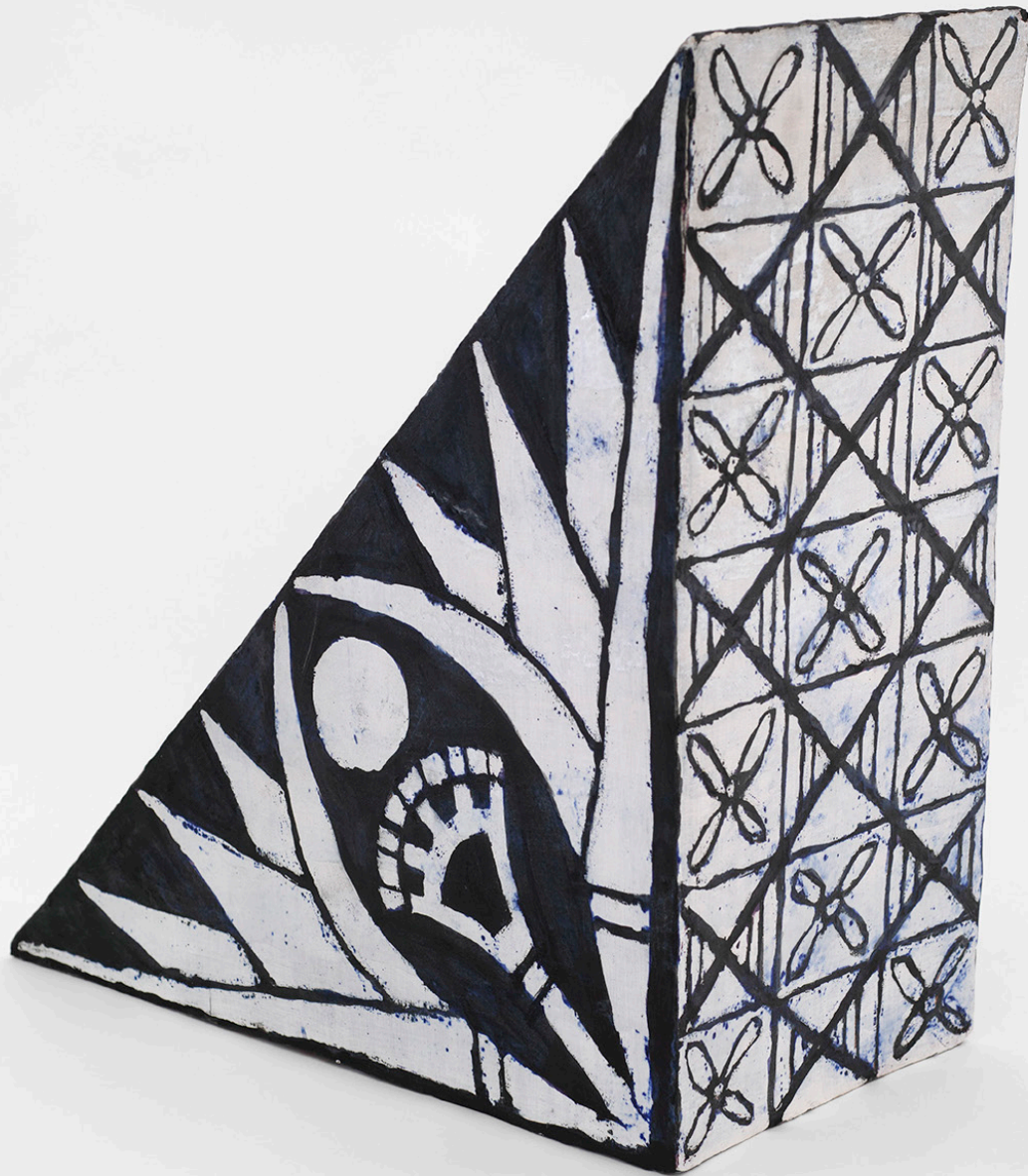


Triangles with Buds, 2021

Glazed earthenware

7 × 14 ½ × 3 ½ inches (17.78 × 36.83 × 8.89 cm)





Lotus Right Angle, 2020
Glazed earthenware
21 × 19 × 10 inches (53.34 × 48.26 × 25.40 cm)



Albarello with Sprigs, 2023
Glazed earthenware
22 × 9 × 9 inches (55.88 × 22.86 × 22.86 cm)





Albarelo with Rising Triangles, 2023
Glazed earthenware
22 × 10 × 10 inches (55.88 × 25.40 × 25.40 cm)



Vessel with Descending Triangles, 2023
Glazed earthenware
21 x 14 x 14 inches (53.34 x 35.56 x 35.56 cm)



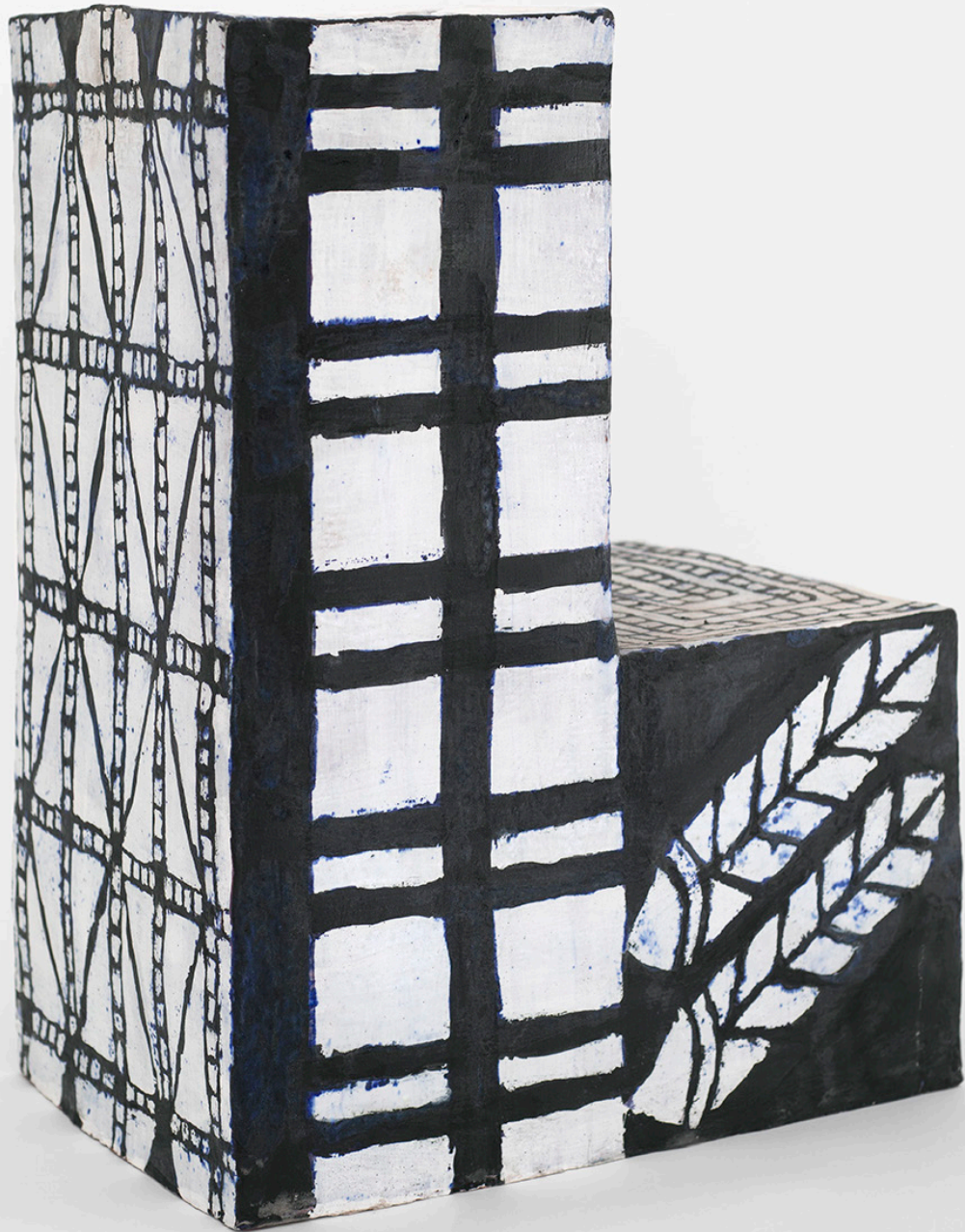


Vessel with Descending Triangles, 2023
Glazed earthenware
21 x 14 x 14 inches (53.34 x 35.56 x 35.56 cm)



Vessel with Long Neck and Arrow Flowers, 2023
Glazed earthenware
22 × 19 × 19 inches (55.88 × 48.26 × 48.26 cm)





L with Four Feathers, 2020
Glazed earthenware
20 x 15 x 10 inches (50.80 x 38.10 x 25.40 cm)



K with Flowers, 2020
Glazed earthenware
20 ½ × 13 × 9 ½ inches (52.07 × 33.02 × 24.13 cm)





Large Parasol Flask, 2016
Glazed earthenware
24 × 18 × 7 inches (60.96 × 45.72 × 17.78 cm)



Flask with Snakes, 2016
Glazed earthenware
16 ½ x 11 x 3 inches (41.91 x 27.94 x 7.62 cm)



Flask with Up and Down Leaves, 2017
Glazed earthenware
16 ½ × 13 × 7 inches (41.91 × 33.02 × 17.78 cm)





Flask with Grapes, 2016
Glazed earthenware
15 1/2 x 12 3/4 x 4 1/2 inches (39.37 x 32.39 x 11.43 cm)



Coptic Planter with Clover Diamonds, 2020
Glazed earthenware
14 × 10 ½ × 10 ½ inches (35.56 × 26.67 × 26.67 cm)





Planter with Diamond and Axe, 2022
Glazed earthenware
16 x 12 ¼ x 12 ¼ inches (40.64 x 31.12 x 31.12 cm)



Arch with Lotuses, 2021
Glazed earthenware
4 ½ × 10 ½ × 3 ½ inches (11.43 × 26.67 × 8.89 cm)



Arch, 2020
Glazed earthenware
12 x 23 x 10 inches (30.48 x 58.42 x 25.40 cm)



Mountains with Trees, 2020

Glazed earthenware

17 × 20 × 10 inches (43.18 × 50.80 × 25.40 cm)



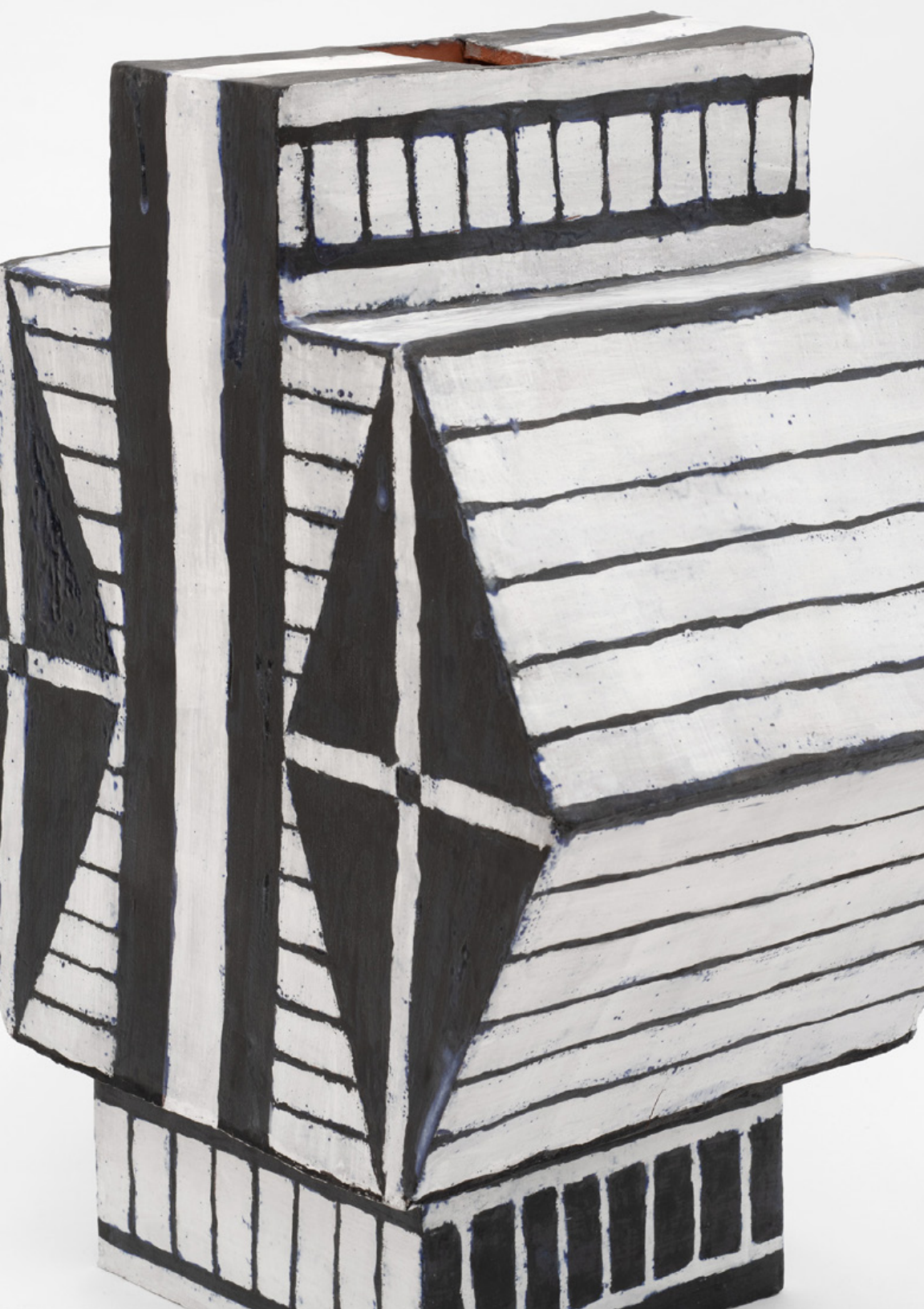


Arch with Lotuses, 2021
Glazed earthenware
4 ½ x 10 ½ x 3 ½ inches (11.43 x 26.67 x 8.89 cm)

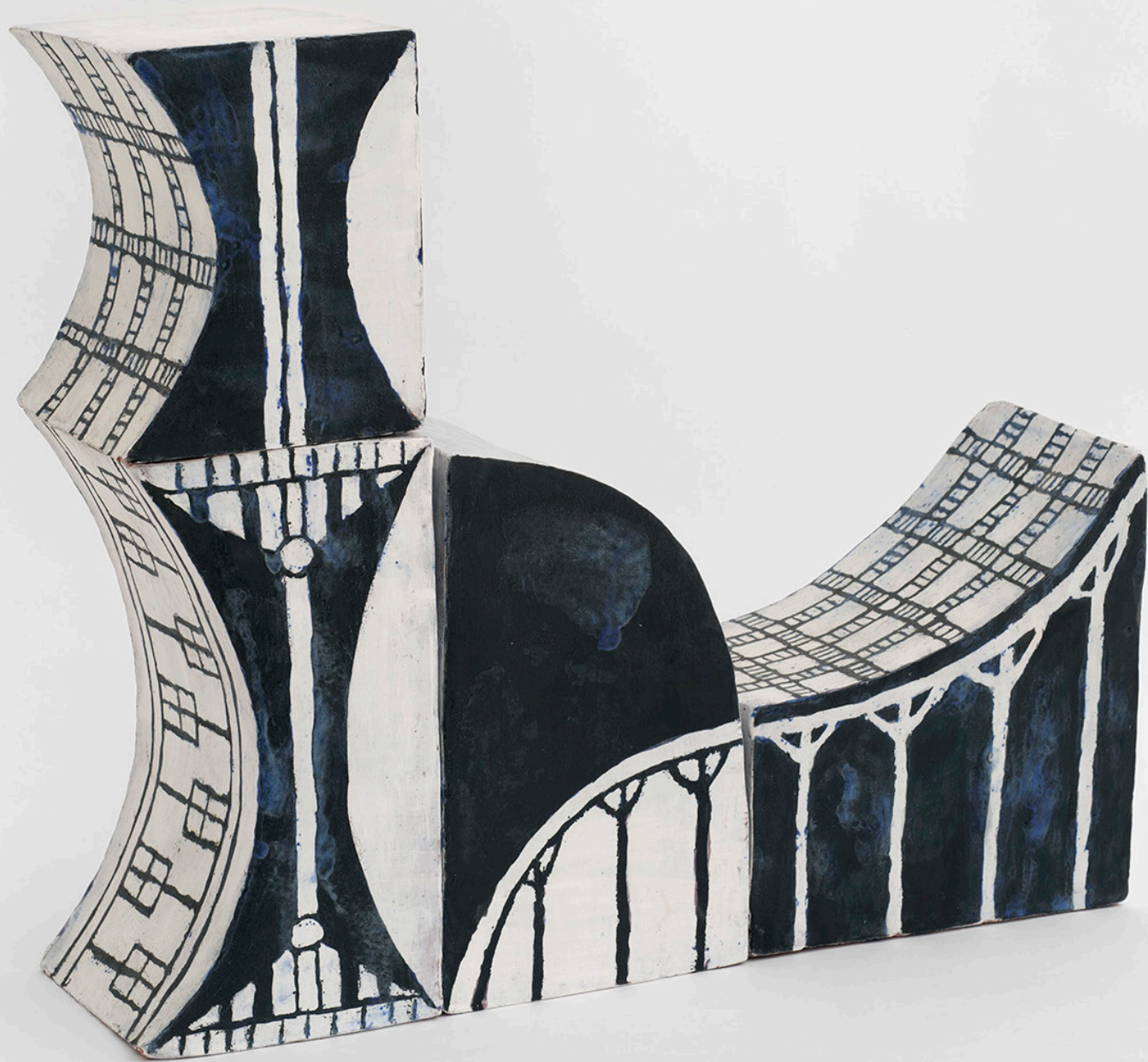


Lotus and Water, 2021
Glazed earthenware
21 x 17 x 11 inches (53.34 x 43.18 x 27.94 cm)





Coptic Planter with Clover Diamonds, 2020
Glazed earthenware
14 x 10 ½ x 10 ½ inches (35.56 x 26.67 x 26.67 cm)



Small Reclining S, 2022
Glazed earthenware
17 ½ x 20 x 6 inches
(44.45 x 50.80 x 15.24 cm)



Small Snake, 2022
Glazed earthenware
12 × 18 × 3 ½ inches
(30.48 × 45.72 × 8.89 cm)