

ALI AZIZI

Ali Azizi b. 1947 in Golpayegan, Iran

Azizi owned a small fruit juice shop in the south of Tehran city and worked there until he was diagnosed with cancer. The pain and suffering from this disease and being confined at home made him focus on painting, which he was interested in since he was a child, but never had the opportunity to focus on before. The source of inspiration for Azizi's paintings are mostly magazines, photographs, and cartoon images that he collects, cuts, and archives in notebooks as albums. When he paints, he takes them as a model, but those photographs and images have little to do with the final output of Azizi paintings. He is very happy that painting has calmed and healed his pain and he is painting non-stop.

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