

AYA BROWN

Aya Brown (b. 1995, Brooklyn, NY) is a Brooklyn-based artist documenting her experience as part of an idiosyncratic community of Black women. Brown's work is an ongoing celebration of the unyielding magnificence, strength, and softness of this community. In her practice, she refuses whiteness as a standard and point of origin by drawing and painting on brown surfaces.

Her recent body of work is an intimate exploration of Brown's relationship with her grandmother's photographic archive to consider the intersecting points between photography and painting. She reinterprets photographs, highlighting powerful moments within the ordinary, to propose memory as a source for new narratives and encounters.

Inspired by artists like Aaron and Alan Hicks, Brown aims to create work that is accessible and relatable to the people in her community while providing a welcoming glimpse into her personal world to others.