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"Magnetic Field" is an acrylic on canvas piece painted by Brigitta Kocsis.

**Artist** Brigitta Kocsis  
City Vancouver, Canada

## What was a challenging but formative experience you've had?

When I was about 20, I lived in Hungary-- I was born in Hungary— it was still a socialist country. So if you wanted to go to another country, you weren't able to just buy as much of any currency as you wanted. It wasn't enough if you wanted to go outside of the country. So I got a job at the top of this hill as a salesperson selling these hand-made tablecloths, crochets, and I would receive currency which I would sell in the black market. It was very hard because I had to get up at 4 or 5 in the morning and put everything in a suitcase and haul it up to that hill (laughs). But that gave me the chance to leave the country.

