



# Paulo Monteiro

*Ao redor da distância*

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Mendes Wood DM São Paulo

“His creations deal with the abysmal substance of what is ultra-common, which we all can feel in our sinews. However, he does not go for representations; his subject is not the things, but the potential of life itself, that force which precedes everything that exists. Each move he makes aims for the essential drive prior to the phenomena themselves, the disposition prior to the idea. What interests the artist are the plural ways through which life reveals itself.” – Germano Dushá

Mendes Wood DM is pleased to present *Ao redor da distância*, Paulo Monteiro’s first solo exhibition in São Paulo after seven years. An ongoing dialogue between painting and sculpture drives the exhibition, presenting new works by the artist that explore matter and its capacity to transform into diverse forms. For the first time in the large space of the Barra Funda gallery, Monteiro invites us to interact with his paintings, sculptures, and objects of varying dimensions, prompting us to explore the environment, observe closely, take distance, and reflect on bridges between our inner lives and everyday forms, objects.

An elevated structure, designed as a kind of base, displays different shapes in the show. Cuts, stacks, reliefs, folds, and dismantling bring out sculptures that evoke the abstract. A few, however, allow figures to be identified, such as hammers, nails and wires – objects that have accompanied the artist throughout his career, emerging from drawings of his youth and childhood memories.

Born in São Paulo, Paulo Monteiro began his artistic journey as a teenager, immersed in the universe of comic books, inspired by names such as Robert Crumb and Gilbert Shelton. At the same time, he explored small sculptures with everyday materials, guided by his father’s encouragement. In his 20s, influenced by Philip Guston, he decided to embrace painting as his vocation.

Between 1983 and 1985, together with Carlito Carvalhosa, Fábio Miguez, Nuno Ramos, and Rodrigo Andrade, he cofounded the Casa 7 collective, which reintroduced figurative painting to the art scene.

From the late 80s onwards, his research began to engage with issues in Brazilian art, revisiting the Concretism of the 50s and the Neo-Concretism of the 60s. Influenced by Mira Schendel and Willys de Castro, Monteiro unfolds the pictorial plane into three-dimensional dimensions, creating an interaction between the layers of paint that make up his works. Lines intertwine and dissolve, creating a freedom that evokes ambiguous sensations, as if they were detached from their own contours. Her most recent paintings explore images that emerge from the overlapping of layers, challenging the uniformity of flat colors.

“When I’m producing, I don’t worry about what I’m doing in terms of drawing. What interests me is the question of color, matter, transparency, layers, the atmosphere that forms in each work,” reflects Paulo Monteiro.

Monteiro empirically explores the mechanics of solids and fluids, examining how forces, temperature, and density affect matter. His relentless pursuit of form results in works that feel interrupted, like animated objects oscillating between humor and sensuality. Capturing the world’s density simply and unpretentiously, he invites reflection on the deepest aspects of daily life, revealing that beauty and complexity often hide in simple gestures. Interacting with his art, we rediscover the richness of small things and are reminded of the possibilities of life that manifest in every form, layer, and nuance around us.





Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2017, iron, 9 x 25.5 x 15.5 cm | 3 1/2 x 10 1/8 x 6 1/8 in, edition of 3 + AP, MW.PMT.S.1083



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, aluminium, oil on wood, 15 x 28 x 14 cm (base) and 11 x 22 x 5 cm (sculpture) | 5 7/8 x 11 x 5 1/2 in (base) and 4 3/8 x 8 5/8 x 2 in (sculpture), MW.PMT.2058





**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled, 2024*

oil on linen

180 x 160 cm

70 7/8 x 63 in

MW.PMT.1981







Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze, wood, 8.3 x 26 x 15 cm (base) and 3.5 x 13.5 x 3 cm (sculpture) | 3 1/4 x 10 1/4 x 5 7/8 in (base) and 1 3/8 x 5 1/4 x 1 1/8 in (sculpture), MW.PMT.2059





Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2019, oil on bronze, 7 x 26 x 8.5 cm | 2 3/4 x 10 1/4 x 3 3/8 in, unique in a serie of 3, MW.PMT.1339



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, bronze, 4.5 x 15 x 7 cm (base) and 3 x 7 x 6 cm (sculpture) | 1 3/4 x 5 7/8 x 2 3/4 in (base) and 1 1/8 x 2 3/4 x 2 3/8 in (sculpture), MW.PMT.2034



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze, wood, 5 x 17.5 x 7 cm (base) and 3.2 x 8 x 3.5 cm (sculpture) | 2 x 6 7/8 x 2 3/4 in (base) and 1 1/4 x 3 1/8 x 1 3/8 in (sculpture), MW.PMT.2062



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2017, bronze, 5 x 39.5 x 17.5 cm | 2 x 15 1/2 x 6 7/8 in, unique in a serie of 3 + AP, MW.PMT.S.1085



**Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled* 2024, oil on bronze, dark patina on bronze, wood,**  
6 x 18 x 14 cm (base) and 2.5 x 13 x 3.3 cm (each sculpture) | 2 3/8 x 7 1/8 x 5 1/2 in (base) and 1 x 5 1/8 x 1 1/4 in (each sculpture), MW.PMT.2068







Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze, 26 x 41 x 23 cm | 10 1/4 x 16 1/8 x 9 in, unique in a serie of 2 + AP, MW.PMT.1460



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2019, red bronze, 11 x 10 x 5 cm | 4 3/8 x 4 x 2 in, unique in a serie of 3 + AP, MW.PMT.1335





Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2019, light patina on bronze, 58.5 x 21 x 9 cm | 23 1/8 x 8 1/4 x 3 1/2 in, edition of 2, MW.PMT.1347





Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze, 26 x 12.5 x 15 cm | 10 1/4 x 4 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, unique in a serie of 2, MW.PMT.1481

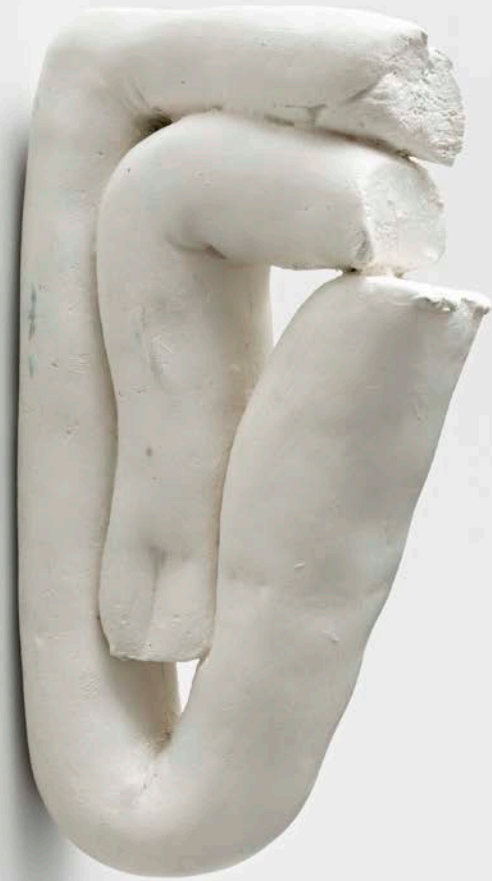


Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze,  
14 x 11 x 11 cm | 5 1/2 x 4 3/8 x 4 3/8 in, unique in a serie of 2 + AP, MW.PMT.1317



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2019, oil on bronze,  
25 x 6 x 13 cm | 9 7/8 x 2 3/8 x 5 1/8 in, unique in a serie of 2 + AP, MW.PMT.1315



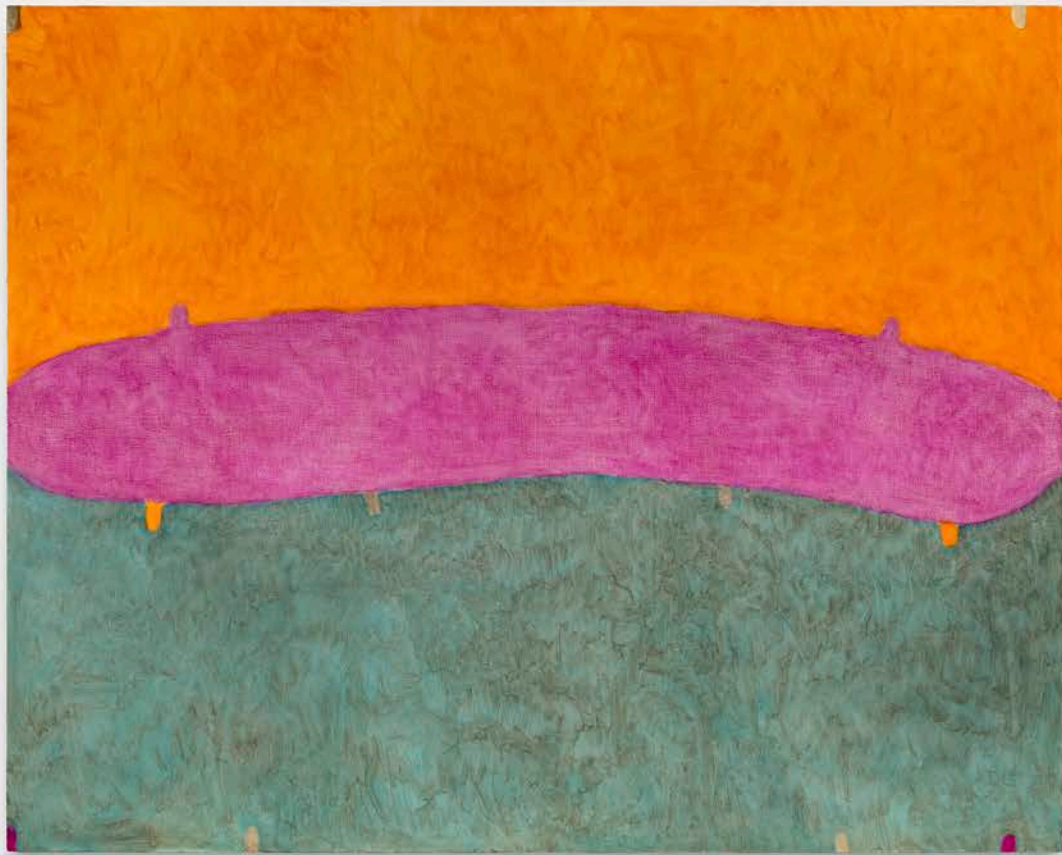


Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2019, oil on bronze,  
20.5 x 4.5 x 11 cm | 8 1/8 x 1 3/4 x 4 3/8 in, unique in a serie of 2 + AP, MW.PMT.1316



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on linen, 200 x 250 cm | 78 3/4 x 98 3/8 in, MW.PMT.2018







**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled, 2024*

black patina on bronze

29 x 27.5 x 43 cm

11 3/8 x 10 7/8 x 16 7/8 in

unique in a serie of 2 + AP

MW.PMT.2026





**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled, 2024*

black patina on bronze

23.8 x 18.2 x 28.5 cm

9 3/8 x 7 1/8 x 11 1/4 in

unique in a serie of 2 + AP

MW.PMT.2027



**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled, 2024*

black patina on bronze

30 x 28.5 x 47.8 cm

11 3/4 x 11 1/4 x 18 7/8 in

unique in a serie of 2 + AP

MW.PMT.2028





Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, bronze, 4.5 x 14 x 7 cm (base) and 3 x 6 x 3 cm (sculpture) | 1 3/4 x 5 1/2 x 2 3/4 in (base) and 1 1/8 x 2 3/8 x 1 1/8 in (sculpture), MW.PMT.2034



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, bronze, 5 x 14.5 x 7 cm (base) and 4 x 10.5 x 5.5 cm (sculpture) | 2 x 5 3/4 x 2 3/4 in (base) and 1 5/8 x 4 1/8 x 2 1/8 in (sculpture), MW.PMT.2034



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze, 64 x 36 x 13 cm | 25 1/4 x 14 1/8 x 5 1/8 in, unique in a serie of 2 + AP, MW.PMT.1459



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on linen,  
23 x 16 cm | 9 x 6 1/4 in, MW.PMT.1964



**Paulo Monteiro**

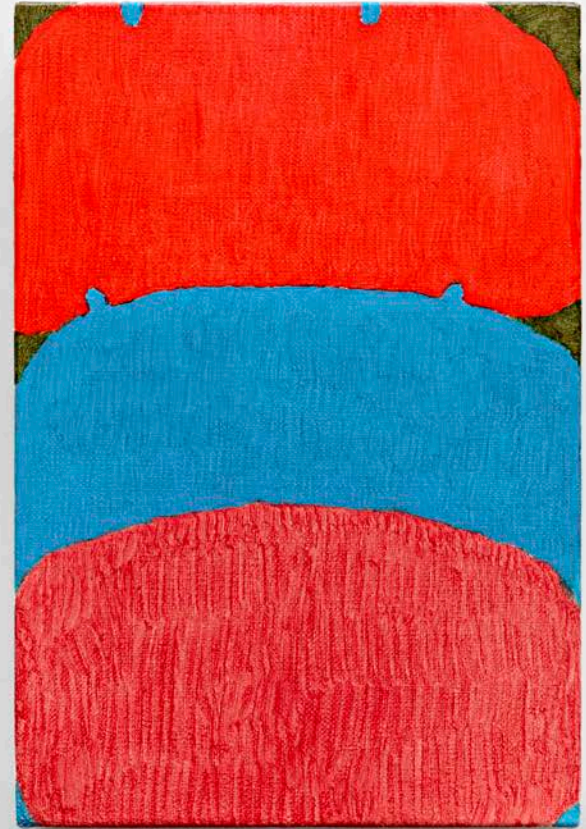
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oil on linen

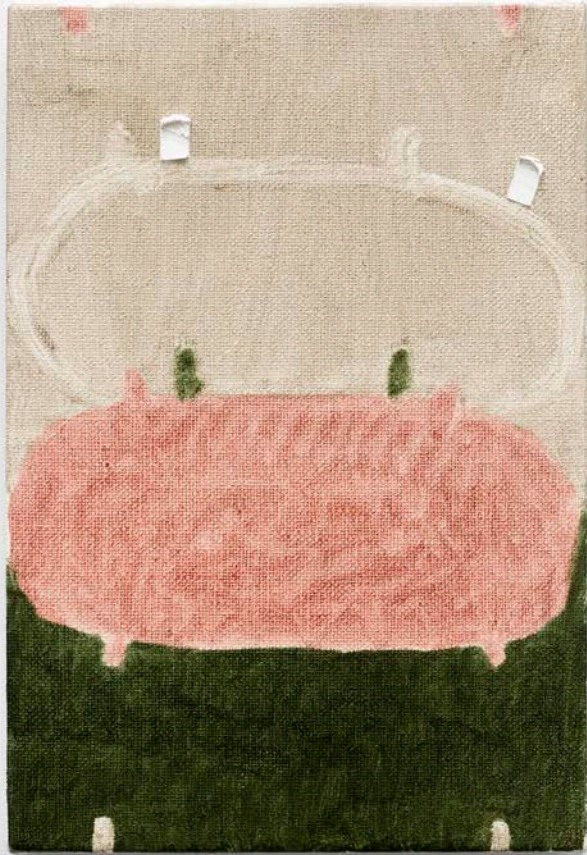
22 x 15.5 cm

8 5/8 x 6 1/8 in

MW.PMT.2042



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on linen,  
22 x 15 cm | 8 5/8 x 5 7/8 in, MW.PMT.2045



**Paulo Monteiro**

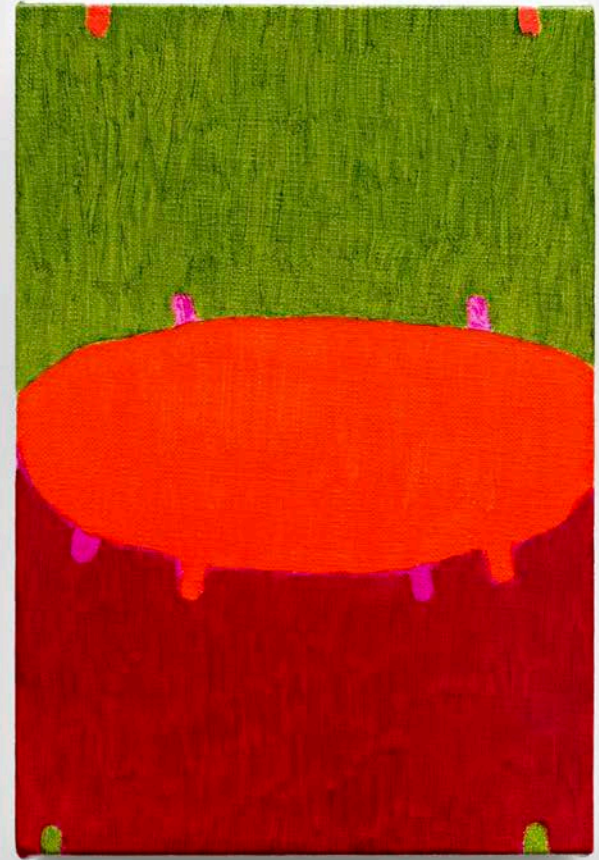
*Untitled, 2024*

oil on linen

23 x 16 cm

9 x 6 1/4 in

MW.PMT.1967



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on linen,  
22 x 15.5 cm | 8 5/8 x 6 1/8 in, MW.PMT.2046





**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled, 2024*

oil on linen

22 x 15 cm

8 5/8 x 5 7/8 in

MW.PMT.2011



**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled*, 2024

oil on linen

22 x 15 cm

8 5/8 x 5 7/8 in

MW.PMT.1974



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on linen,  
22 x 15 cm | 8 5/8 x 5 7/8 in, MW.PMT.1968



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze, 13 x 6.3 x 5.5 cm | 5 1/8 x 2 1/2 x 2 1/8 in, unique in a serie of 2 + AP, MW.PMT.2035



**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled*, 2024

oil on linen

25 x 20 cm

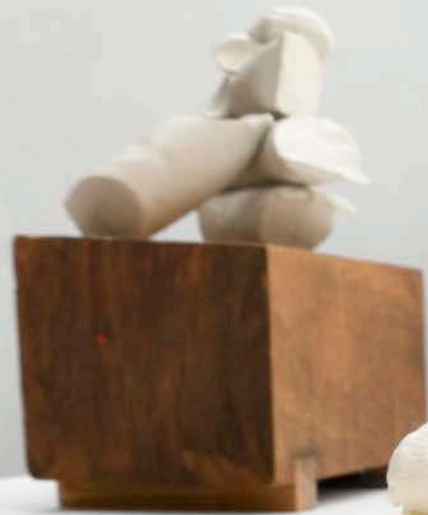
9 7/8 x 7 7/8 in

MW.PMT.2044



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2017, iron, 8 x 38.5 x 16 cm | 3 1/8 x 15 1/8 x 6 1/4 in, unique in a serie of 3 + AP, MW.PMT.S.1084









Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze, 16 x 7 x 7.5 cm | 6 1/4 x 2 3/4 x 3 in, unique in a serie of 2 + AP, MW.PMT.2069



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, wood, 7.5 x 33.5 x 15.2 cm (base) and 9 x 16 x 8 cm (sculpture) | 3 x 13 1/4 x 6 in (base) and 3 1/2 x 6 1/4 x 3 1/8 in (sculpture), MW.PMT.2076





Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze, 15 x 5.4 x 4.3 cm | 5 7/8 x 2 1/8 x 1 3/4 in, unique in a serie of 2 + AP , MW.PMT.2014



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze, wood, 15 x 27 x 14 cm (base) and 15 x 23 x 14.3 cm (sculpture) | 5 7/8 x 10 5/8 x 5 1/2 in (base) and 5 7/8 x 9 x 5 5/8 in (sculpture), MW.PMT.2056



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze, wood, 11 x 32.5 x 9.5 cm (base) and 6 x 25 x 4.5 cm (sculpture) | 4 3/8 x 12 3/4 x 3 3/4 in (base) and 2 3/8 x 9 7/8 x 1 3/4 in (sculpture), MW.PMT.2067





Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze, wood, 8.3 x 26 x 15 cm (base) and 3.5 x 13.5 x 3 cm (sculpture) | 3 1/4 x 10 1/4 x 5 7/8 in (base) and 1 3/8 x 5 1/4 x 1 1/8 in (sculpture), MW.PMT.2059





**Paulo Monteiro**

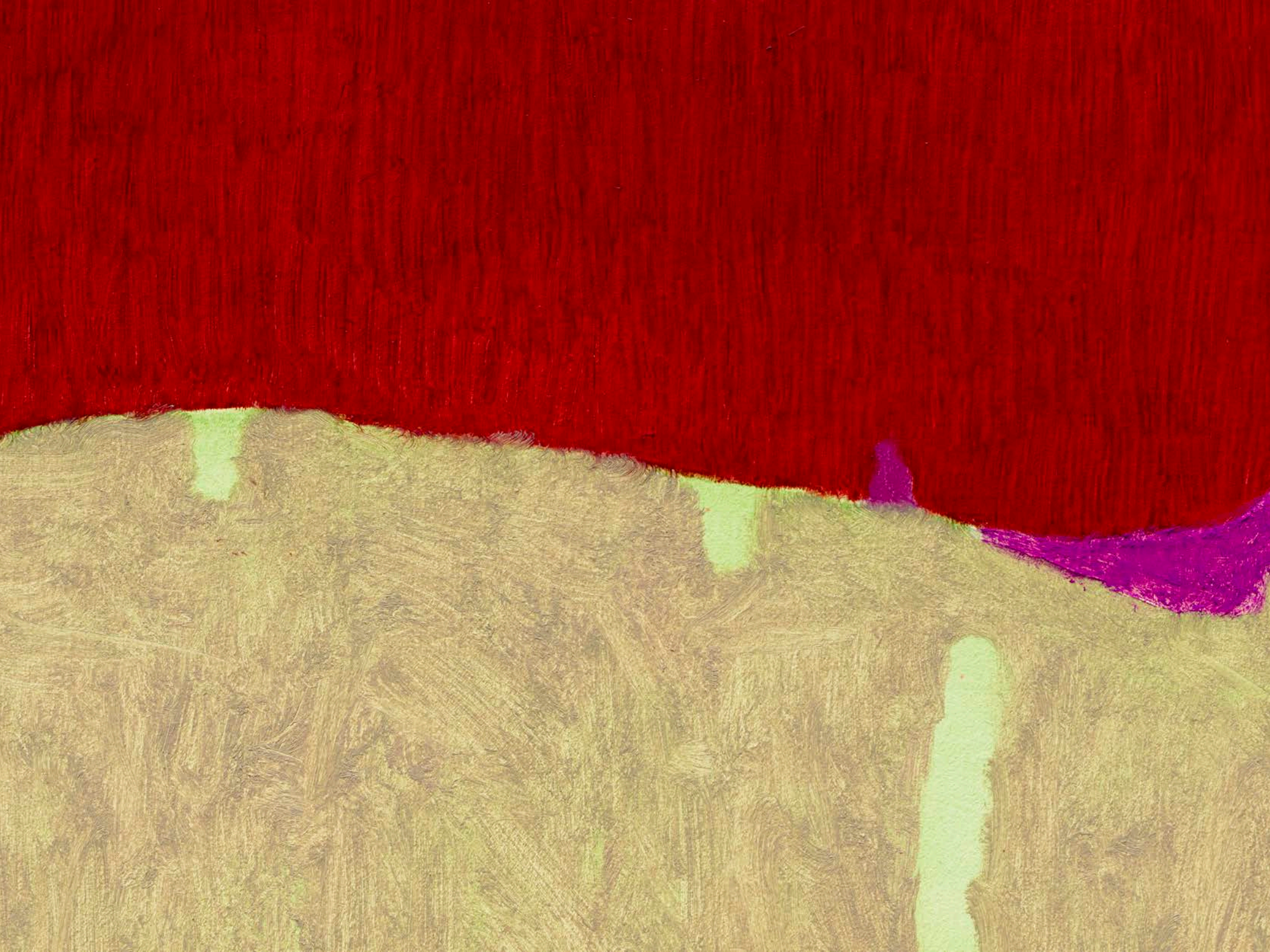
*Untitled*, 2024

oil on linen

55 x 38 cm

21 5/8 x 15 in

MW.PMT.2070





**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled, 2024*

oil on linen

55 x 38 cm

21 5/8 x 15 in

MW.PMT.2071

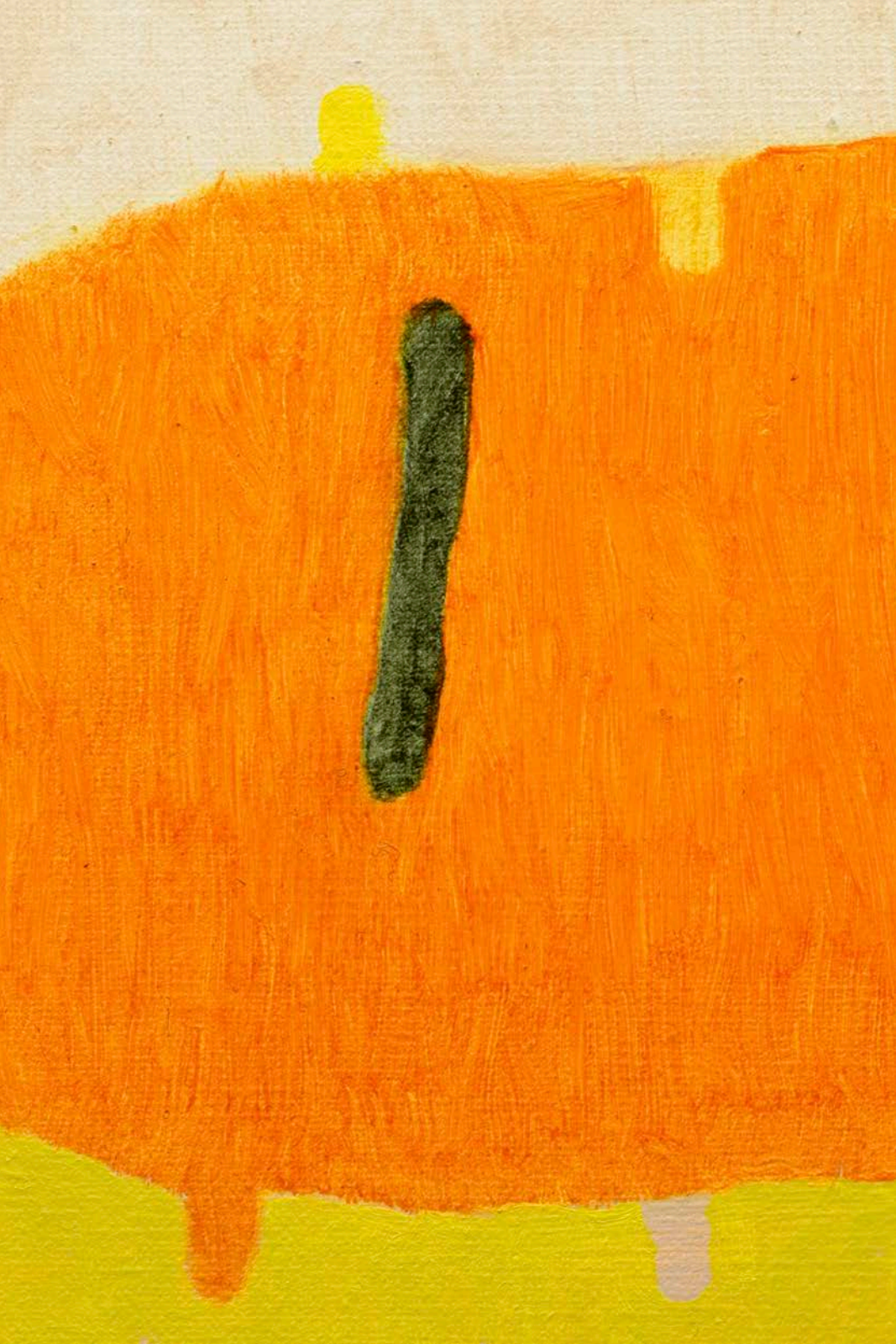




Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze, wood, 7.7 x 27 x 13.7 cm (base) and 7 x 17.3 x 8.5 cm (sculpture) | 3 x 10 5/8 x 5 3/8 in (base) and 2 3/4 x 6 3/4 x 3 3/8 in (sculpture), MW.PMT.2063



**Paulo Monteiro**, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze, wood, 4 x 24.5 x 15 cm (base), 2 x 8 x 2.3 cm (sculpture) e 2 x 6 x 2.3 cm (sculpture) |  
1 5/8 x 9 5/8 x 5 7/8 in (base), 3/4 x 2 3/8 x 7/8 in (sculpture) e 3/4 x 3 1/8 x 7/8 in (sculpture), MW.PMT.MW.PMT.2066



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on linen,  
55 x 38 cm | 21 5/8 x 15 in, MW.PMT.2037



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze, 15 x 5.4 x 4.3 cm | 5 7/8 x 2 1/8 x 1 3/4 in, MW.PMT.2030





Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, enamel on bronze, felt, 2 x 17 x 17.5 cm (base) e 4 x 8.5 x 14.5 cm (sculpture) | 3/4 x 6 3/4 x 6 7/8 in (base) e 1 5/8 x 3 3/8 x 5 3/4 in (sculpture), MW.PMT.2074





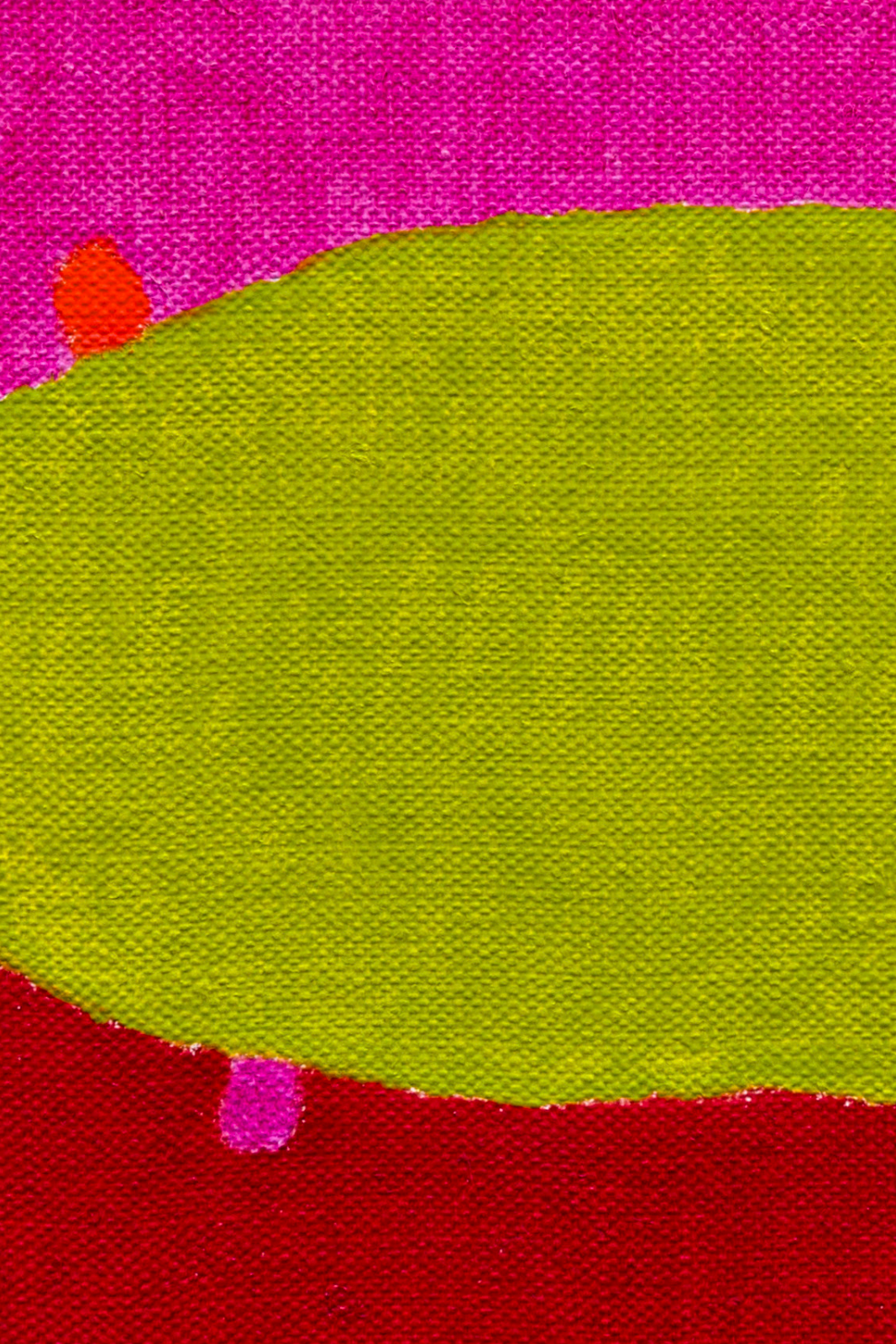
Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2019, oil on bronze, 9 x 29 x 7 cm | 3 1/2 x 11 3/8 x 2 3/4 in, unique in a serie of 3, MW.PMT.1340



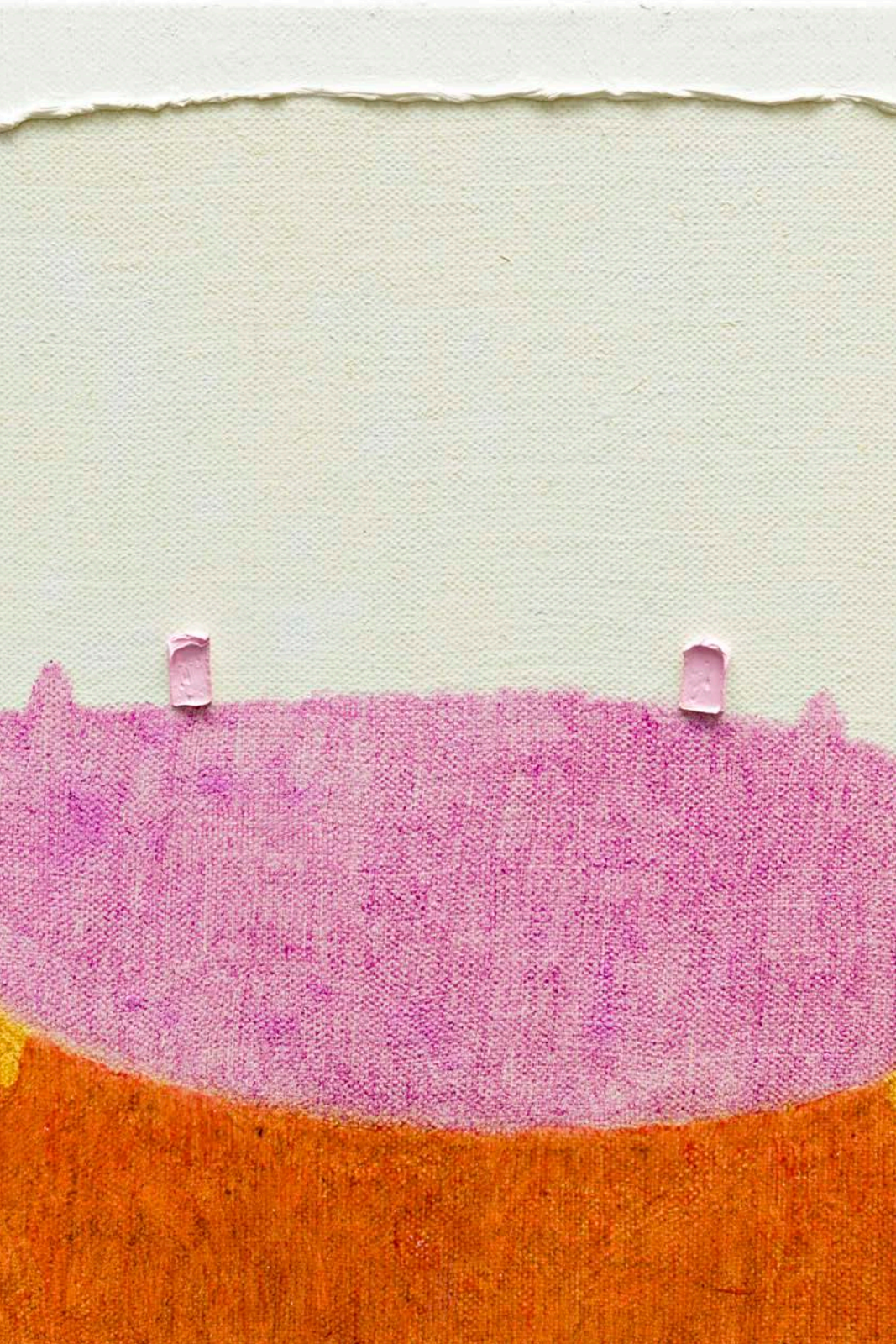
Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2019, oil on bronze, 5 x 5.5 x 3 cm | 2 x 2 1/8 x 1 1/8 in, unique in a serie of 3 + AP, MW.PMT.1331



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on linen,  
26 x 21 cm | 10 1/4 x 8 1/4 in, MW.PMT.1998



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on linen,  
25 x 20 cm | 9 7/8 x 7 7/8 in, MW.PMT.2048



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on linen,  
25 x 20 cm | 9 7/8 x 7 7/8 in, MW.PMT.2015



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on linen,  
25 x 20 cm | 9 7/8 x 7 7/8 in, MW.PMT.2013





**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled, 2024*

black patina on bronze

22 x 26.5 x 4.5 cm

8 5/8 x 10 3/8 x 1 3/4 in

unique in a serie of 2 + AP

MW.PMT.2020



**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled, 2024*

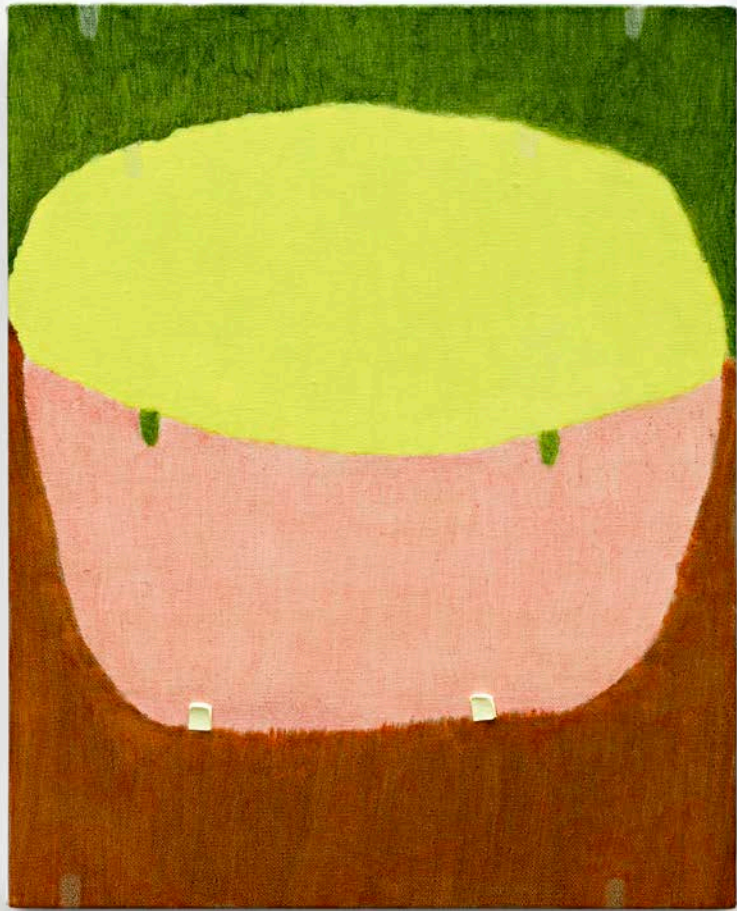
black patina on bronze

32.5 x 23 x 7.5 cm

12 3/4 x 9 x 3 in

unique in a serie of 2 + AP

MW.PMT.2023



**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled*, 2024

oil on linen

40 x 33.5 cm

15 3/4 x 13 1/4 in

MW.PMT.2049



**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled, 2024*

oil on linen

40.5 x 33.5 cm

16 x 13 1/4 in

MW.PMT.2053



**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled*, 2024

oil on linen

40.5 x 33.5 cm

16 x 13 1/4 in

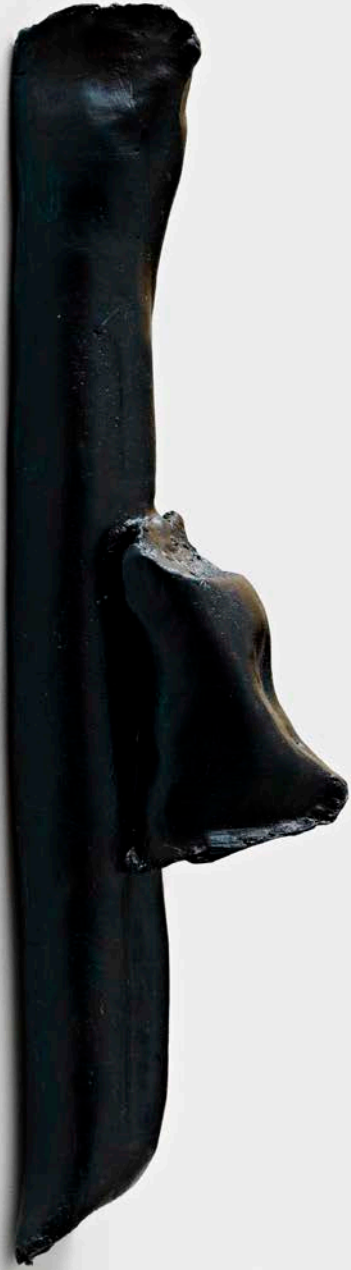
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Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on linen,  
55 x 38 cm | 21 5/8 x 15 in, MW.PMT.2039



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze, wood, 6 x 35 x 14 cm (base) and 7 x 15 x 8 cm (sculpture) | 2 3/8 x 13 3/4 x 5 1/2 in (base) and 2 3/4 x 5 7/8 x 3 1/8 in (sculpture), MW.PMT.2061



Paulo Monteiro, *Untitled*, 2024, oil on bronze,  
25 x 4 x 7 cm | 9 7/8 x 1 5/8 x 2 3/4 in, unique in a serie of 2 + AP, MW.PMT.1593





**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled*, 2024

oil on linen

200 x 170 cm

78 3/4 x 66 7/8 in

MW.PMT.1979





**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled, 2024*

black patina on bronze

32.3 x 35 x 52 cm

12 3/4 x 13 3/4 x 20 1/2 in

unique in a serie of 2 + AP

MW.PMT.1858





**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled, 2024*

black patina on bronze

21.5 x 34.7 x 36 cm

8 1/2 x 13 5/8 x 14 1/8 in

unique in a serie of 2 + AP

MW.PMT.2025



**Paulo Monteiro**  
*Untitled*, 2024  
oil on linen  
22 x 15 cm  
8 5/8 x 5 7/8 in  
MW.PMT.1976



**Paulo Monteiro**

*Untitled, 2024*

oil on linen

22 x 15 cm

8 5/8 x 5 7/8 in

MW.PMT.1977



**Paulo Monteiro**  
*Untitled*, 2024  
oil on linen  
22 x 15 cm  
8 5/8 x 5 7/8 in  
MW.PMT.1975





**Paulo Monteiro**  
*Untitled*, 2024  
oil on linen  
22 x 15 cm  
8 5/8 x 5 7/8 in  
MW.PMT.1980



**Paulo Monteiro**  
*Untitled*, 2024  
oil on linen  
22 x 15 cm  
8 5/8 x 5 7/8 in  
MW.PMT.1978



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