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'Multifacet diptych 1' by Danie Kotzé. Acrylic on board. Part of a diptych designed to be assembled in different configurations to the viewers' liking. The painting was created by dissolving base colours in water and leaving it outside to be mixed by the wind. The focus is on organic patterns.

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