



# STEVEN TONKIN

## FOLDS

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**In my artistic practice I draw a creative lineage from the radical experiments with the book form that characterised early 20th Century Modernism, specifically Constructivism and Bauhaus graphic design and typography. I also find inspiration in the intersections of geometric abstraction with graphic design, posters, signage and symbols.**

**Folds showcases my abstract bookworks as a coherent thread within my work. These bookworks are realised with a minimum of materials and an economy of means. The title, Folds, refers to my process of making a 3-dimensional bookwork from a single sheet of paper, while the accompanying studies present a visual representation.**

**In my bookworks I explore intertwined themes and tensions between the textual and pictorial, conceptual and material, functional and sculptural, by addressing both art historical and contemporary perspectives. As a curator and writer, I have a specific interest in Conceptual art and artists' books within the context of global conceptualism from the 1960s to today. Central to my thinking and approach is the ideal and ethics of the 'democratic multiple' artist's book.**

**Steven Tonkin**



*Folds #1-8*  
2024  
gouache on paper  
29.7 x 42 cm (each work)  
\$350 each (unframed)



*Study for Abstract Bookwork*

2024

gouache on paper

diptych 42 x 59.4 cm (each work)

\$995 (unframed)

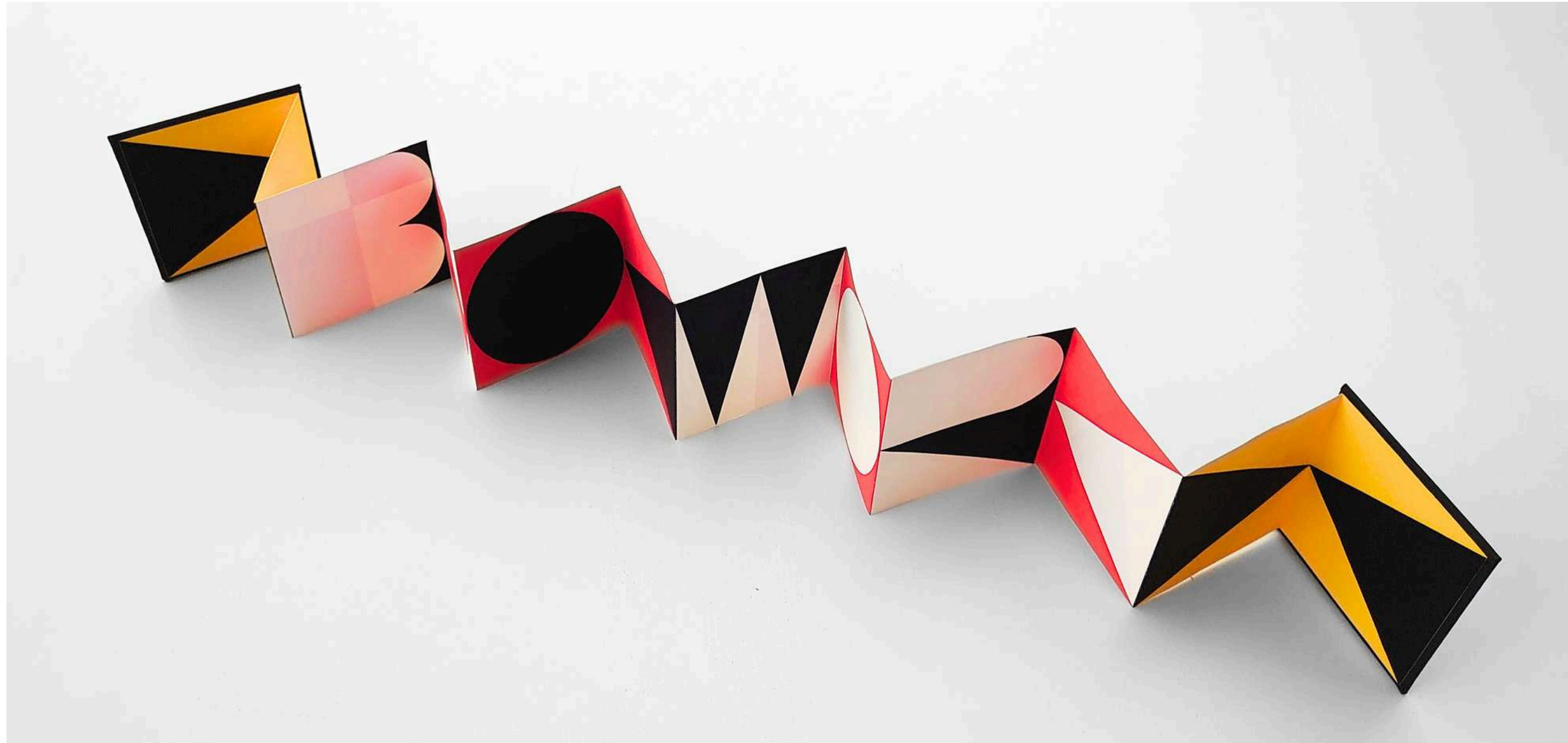




*Abstract Bookwork*  
2021  
hand-painted bookwork  
16 pages gouache on paper  
10 x 10 cm (page)  
dimensions variable (open)  
Edition of 2 + 1 AP  
\$795



*Study for Abstract Bookwork*  
2022-23  
gouache on paper  
4 works  
29.7 x 42 cm (each work)  
Edition 3 + 1 AP  
\$995 (set of 4) (unframed)



*Abstract Bookwork*

2023

hand-painted bookwork, 12 pages, gouache on paper, with hardcovers

10 x 10 cm (page)

dimensions variable (open), Edition of 3 + 1 AP

\$795





*Folds #1-8 (Composite) no.1  
(for Five Walls)*

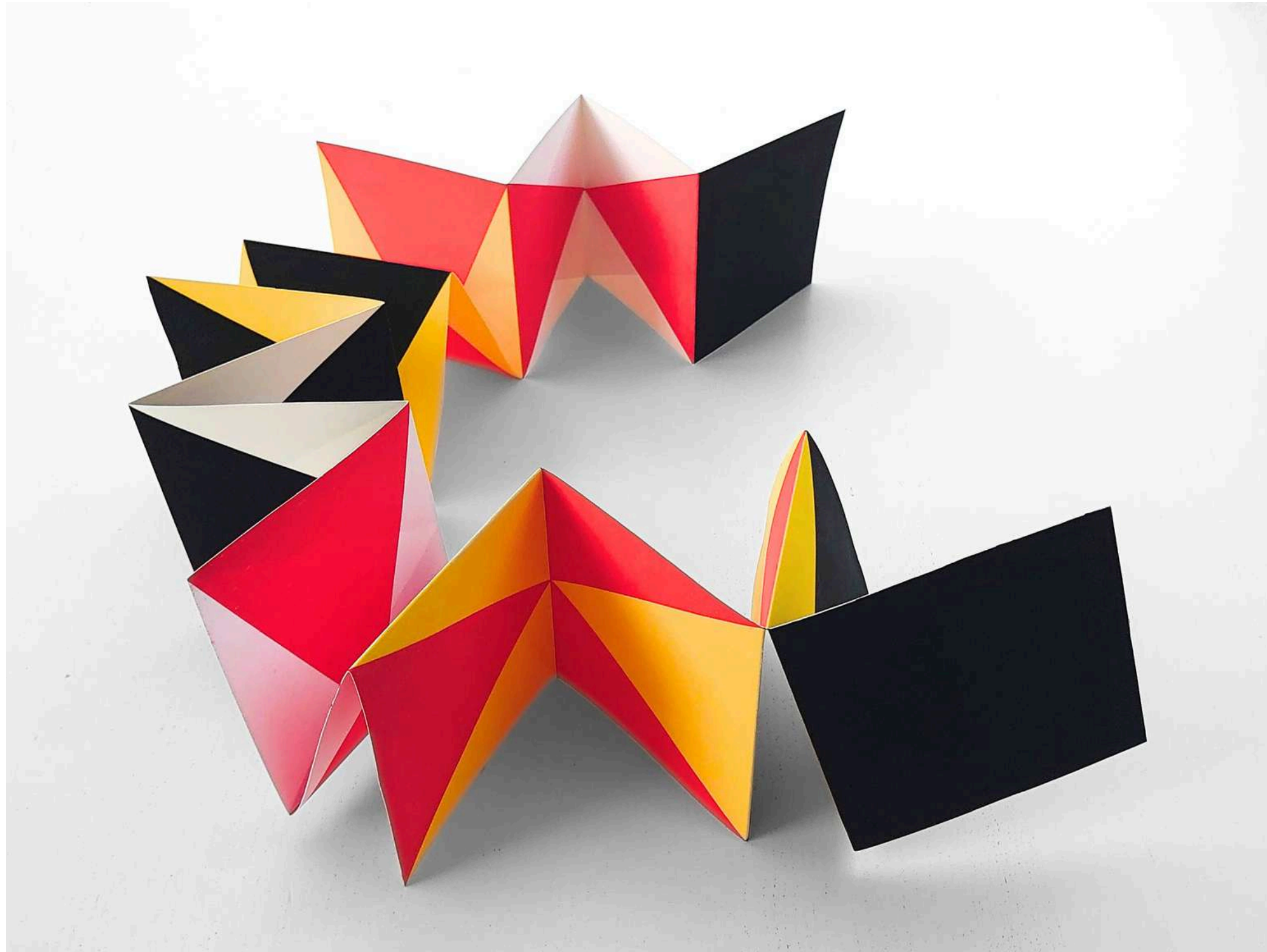
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gouache on paper  
42 x 59.4 cm (work)  
\$795 (unframed)





*Folds #1-8 (Composite) no.2*  
(for Five Walls)  
2024  
gouache on paper  
42 x 59.4 cm (work)\$795  
(unframed)



*Abstract Bookwork (Folds)*  
2024  
hand-painted bookwork, 16 pages,  
gouache on paper  
10 x 10 cm (page), dimensions  
variable (open)  
NFS





*Please Take 1*  
2022  
gouache on paper  
59.4 x 42 cm (work)  
NFS





*Bookwork (Folds) (Multiple edition)*  
2024, printed bookwork, 4 pages  
10 x 10 cm (page), 10 x 10 x 10 cm (open)  
Edition of 125  
FREE