

Fun With Watercolor . Noel House Art Projects
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Materials:

1. Watercolor paints, mixing palette (jar lids will do nicely and water in a jar)
2. Watercolor brushes (wash brush, med point brush, fine point brush for each person)
3. Watercolor paper (student grade, but should “be able to withstand repeated washes)
4. Colored pencil, quill pens and ink etc for details if desired.
5. Still life or photo to work from.



Directions:

1. Use wash brush and brush paper with clear water. Blot with paper towel if there are large puddles (paper should be damp)
2. Mix colors as desired on mixing palettes with small amounts of water. Keep in mind that watercolor is meant to be a transparent, translucent medium.
3. For the purpose of this exercise, **do not** draw an outline drawing first! Using the medium point brush and broad loose strokes, lay in the basic shapes of the composition with color.
4. Add shadows and details with medium and fine point brushes. Highlights should be left light or white (paper showing through).
5. If desired details can be added with color pencil or pen and ink. Adding pastel or oil pastel can make for interesting mixed media effects.

Objectives:

1. To explore working with a transparent water medium, layering colors, and seeing the translucency of it.
2. To be very loose and gestural with the painting.
3. To splash and accept that “things” will land where they may and create surprises along the way!
- . To be open to abstracting an image.
5. To have fun!



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