



Acrylic Painting

Objectives

- Color Scheme
- 3 Different Painting Techniques incorporated
- Format: Micro- 5 pieces, Diptych- 2 pieces little smaller than piece of paper, Triptych- 3 pieces about 5X7, Single- 8x10 or bigger

Steps

1. First step is to figure out what type of painting surface you want to paint on. You have many choices from cardboard, to wood, canvas panel, rolled canvas, watercolor paper, etc. Make sure what you choose correlates with your idea
2. Once you have figured out your painting surface, you need to Gesso (white paint mixture that acts as a binder so paint sticks to canvas!) the surface and the edges to prepare it for paint. 3 coats should be sufficient. Paint, dry, paint, dry, paint, dry. Once you have completed this, you need to practice the painting techniques that you are going to use in your painting. See the painting techniques examples for how to.
3. LIGHTLY draw your entire composition onto the canvas. If you make a mistake, you can erase it. It will leave some residue. DO NOT DRAW DARK LINES, this can potentially show through the paint lowering your craftsmanship.
4. What color scheme (a group of 3-5 colors that work well together. You may also add a neutral color as an accent) will you use? At this point start thinking about all the colors for each part. You can start mixing colors and save them in your palette before you start painting.
5. When painting, artists always start out with big areas first, don't forget about the edges of your painting surface! Things like the background, sky, ground, buildings (without doing the windows), body of animal, etc. You will use big to medium size brushes for these parts.
6. After you are done with the big areas, now is the time to paint all the details or the smaller areas in your painting. Things like eyes, hair, tree bark, boat on top of water, lines on top of big areas of color, etc. You will use tiny detail brushes for this part. To finish, you want to check the sides of your painting surface and make sure they are painted. Check all the edges of the areas or shapes you painted and make sure the edges were painted cleanly. Fix any mistakes and re-paint them.