

Water Color Creativity

The Random Element of Imagination

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The Water Color Craft

As a teenage creative, I explored many facets of the arts. One that captured my peaked interest was water color painting. Unlike charcoal sketches, oil, acrylics and a host of other medium, there was something inherently different about water color. As my instructor explained, first you must have an image of what you are attempting to create. Next you must wet your paper and then begin to apply your color. As the color is applied, the water begins to work its magic. But care must be taken. Too much color will make your composition muddy. Too little will make your composition incomplete. Time is limited. As you work, the paper is drying. "But can I rewet the paper?" "Perhaps, but take care not to obliterate what you have already done." "But, its not turning out exactly as I planned?" "No ... because the magic of the water and the color transformed it into something on its own." "It did not turn out exactly I had planned." "No it did not." "But perhaps... it is even better."