

Using Watercolor Pencils



In looking through the drawers in my art room, I find two tins of watercolor pencils that I have never used. Yesterday I took some time off from chores for a little creative time and I am excited to share using watercolor pencils with you!

Supplies you Need



Watercolor Pencils found [here](#)

My intention is to make something with a Valentine theme that can be used as a note card. And I want each note card to be a one of a kind piece made by me. Using 98 lb. mixed media paper, I use the 7"x 10" size which easily folds into notecards. Get link [here](#).



Experimenting a Bit

Since I have not used this medium before, I play around a bit with the colors and amount of water.



Just by adding a bit of water, look how these colorful scratches on paper transform. The amount of color is determined by how hard you press the pencil to paper.



So depending on how much water and how much pressure you put on the brush, that will determine the distribution and

intensity of the color.



If you have too much water on your brush (and it's important to rinse the brush in water between colors), you can dab it on a paper towel.



Creating a Design

Now feeling a bit more confident, I make a larger sample of what I want to create on a single sheet of paper. First, I sketch the heart shape and size I want. Then I draw in the leaves and the flowers. Sorry this is a little blurry. I forgot to take a picture of it and did a screen shot from my Instagram stories.



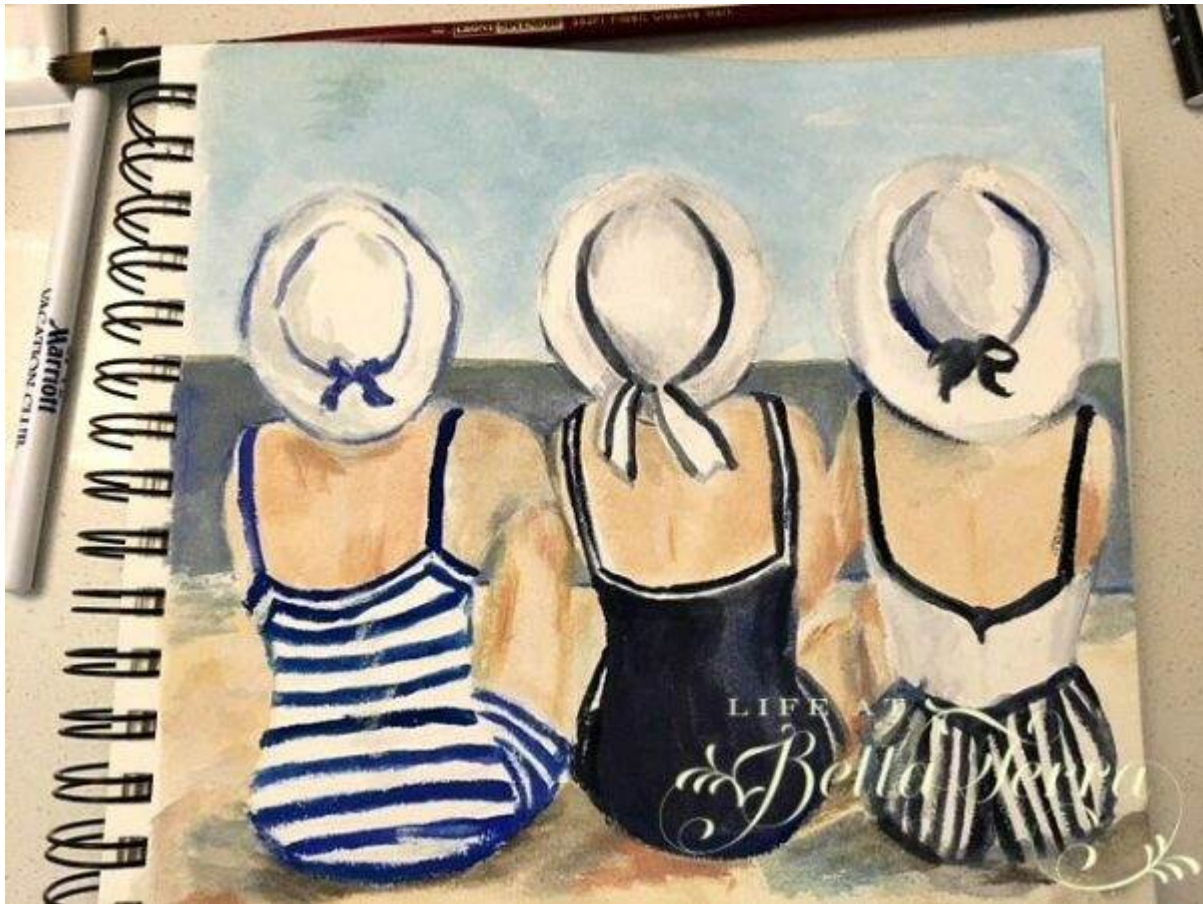
Next, I decide to just go for it and make 3 smaller note cards.



Each card is slightly different as I did experiment with flower shapes and colors. But for the most part they are similar and I think they look okay.



What makes this fun and easy is that you can draw what you like and then turn it into a watercolor painting! I have attempted watercolor twice before. If you would like to see a watercolor painting using gouache paints, click [here](#).



Using gouache paints

Happy Wednesday!

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