



Watercolor Still Life

For this project you will need:

- a still object to paint (like a plant)
- paper (preferably watercolor paper or another type of thicker paper)
- cup of water
- paper towels
- drawing utensil (crayon, marker, colored pencil, etc.)
- paint brush
- watercolor palette (No watercolors, no worries! You can draw a still life instead of paint it!)

1. A **still life** is a work of art depicting inanimate subject matter, usually natural or man-made objects.
2. Set up the object you have chosen to paint in front of you – make sure you have a good view!
3. Start by drawing the object. Don't worry about being a perfect drawer. Just draw what you see, and it will turn out one-of-a-kind.
4. As you draw, add any details you wish. For example, the plant pot, the table the plant sits on, or the wallpaper behind the plant.
5. Use your watercolors to paint your still life drawing: Dip your brush in the cup of water, then into the paint color you want to use, then start painting on your paper. Don't forget to wash your brush out before you switch colors. You can also use the lid of your watercolor palette to mix paint colors.
6. Interested in some painting techniques? Look these techniques up online: blossom, flat wash, wet on dry, lifting, graded wash, variegated wash, and wet on wet.
7. Continue painting your still life until you are satisfied with it. Add in as many colors and details as you like. You're the artist – make it your own!

This creative project is brought to you by artist Taryn Singleton.