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Student News & Notes – Summer '21/'22

Palette mop-up on silk – a perfect gift wrap for any occasion

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Hi Fellow Teachers and Fabric Enthusiasts,

“It’s a wrap!” It is 1st December as I write this newsletter, and 2021 is almost over. As world citizens, we have all traversed another year of Covid ‘conditions’. As a Genesis Creations™ business, Alan and I have survived through all the lockdowns and postponements, and are still enjoying what we do. I owe a very special – AND VERY BIG – THANK YOU to those of you, our students and customers, who have helped us get through this year, and also kept me sane and grounded during the months of elderly family ‘diversions’. Looking ahead, let’s see what creative pursuits we can get up to together. Bring on 2022 !!!

“A wrap”, said I ... Let’s look at that another way. Soon our garbage and recycling bins will be loaded with crumpled wrapping papers of all shapes, sizes and colours. How about we keep the planet a little less cluttered by using ‘gift wrap’ we have in our cupboards! Fabrics are a perfect alternative. Hand coloured fabrics even more personal. A gift within a gift. And if the gift recipient is not ‘into fabrics’, the wrappings can be given back to you, and our planet is happy. It’s a win/win for everyone.



I’ve been having a wonderful time colouring calico bags with left-over Liquid Radiance from other projects, quite often just throwing the colours on randomly then thinking “What on earth am I going to do this time !?!” Water Soluble Resist to the rescue! You guys and girls know I can’t draw, but scribbles, dots, leaves (well, they’re really just three lines!) - simple shapes have created interesting results. After a 20 minute soak in water when the colours and resists are dry, then a couple more rinses in clean water to completely remove the resist, the bags are line dried then ironed. Yes, perfect gift wrapping ... and useful items in their own right.



Over the past several months I have also been having a wonderful time filling the pages of my website with all sorts of information, as well as videos and download-able resources to help you make the most of our products, both Liquid Radiance and the Flat Paint range. Everything you find there is yours to enjoy for FREE. I figure if I’m going to sit in the bath and dream up these unique fabric designing products for us, it’s up to me to help you enjoy them for all the exciting things they can do. So you really can join me in my studio via my website when you’re unable to come for hands-on workshops or join in via zoom.

NEXT YEAR, my hands-on workshops will be free to attend too! Having been thwarted by Covid lockdowns and postponements since our 21st Birthday year in 2020 when it was my plan to offer ALL WORKSHOPS at no charge, let’s wish for a good run of hands-on programs in my Toowoomba Studio during 2022. There’ll be a small materials fee each day to cover the requirements I provide, but definitely no tuition fees when you come here to play! **So many topics to choose from !!! ...**

Web Workshops via Zoom are being planned for 2022 ‘as we speak’ – basics as well as advanced. These will always be free to attend from wherever you are. Catch up with details at least three months ahead on the Events page of my website.



2022 ... ON THE DRAWING BOARD ...

- **January** – reopen for business on Monday 3 January. **FREE Teacher PDs** via Zoom on Fri 7 and Sat 8 Jan, using meeting format so we can talk, and you can ask questions. Friday: Basics and extensions. Saturday: Advanced. See website Events page for full details. Registration is essential - phone or email me.
- **Late January** – time out for ‘mother maintenance’, with a worn-out arthritic knee to be fixed. We’ll be open for business during this time. I’ll just not be running around the studio doing hands-on sessions, but I’ve been told I’ll be able to sit and teach when necessary. And of course I can TALK!
- **Early March** – web workshops will recommence on weekends in the afternoon, and Tuesday and Thursday mornings during the week. Afternoon sessions may also be arranged on those week days, depending on interest.
- **March, April and May** – back in action with HANDS-ON and ZOOM PROGRAMS. Events page will have information soon. PD Workshops will also be planned for the April school holidays, between Sat 3 and Sat 9 April.
- **Workshops with quilters and craft groups** – Toowoomba (March and April), Kenilworth (May), Gold Coast (June). Dates have already been carved in marble for several groups. Interested in planning a ‘Taster’ workshop for a couple of hours, or a full-day course? Please contact me soon to claim your day and time.



Writing For *Embellish Magazine* ...

I’m delighted to let you know I’ll be writing again, starting early next year, with my projects reappearing in the magazine from June 2022. Editor Lynda has given me the magazine themes until 2024, and my brain is already in overdrive working on all the creative things we’ll be able to do together to fit in with those themes! Make sure your subscription is up to date. The girls at Artwear Publications will help you with that. Or you can order the magazines from us for \$11.00 as they become available – or find them at your local newsagent for \$11.50.



Silk Painting – “Tulip Time”
Issue #47 [Sept '21] – teaches colour blending. Back issues with all my projects are still available from us while stocks last.

Video-ing for YouTube ... will continue, and new topics will be added to both my YouTube channel and my website. Only the formal Introductory and Advanced Web Workshops will appear on both. Some of the “In Focus” web workshops will appear as single topics and ‘Quick Topics’ on YouTube. Check out what’s already there NOW to revise and expand your skills!



Making the Most of Our Painting Techniques ... It’s another Wrap ..

Continuing the bags idea for gift giving and ‘wrapping’, try these Silhouette Windows using Flat paints and rollers. Set up your design using masking tape (wide and narrow) and cut-out designs, securing the pieces under the tape to hold them in place. You might like to give the shapes a light coating of adhesive spray to secure them well. Apply rollers loaded with your chosen flat paints evenly over the design area, blending them as desired.

NOTES: I have used Metallic Gold and Copper Flat. And yes, I’ve ‘faked it’ for photography, using a design that was already completed. The cut-out shapes and tapes will definitely be covered with paint when your design is finished.

HINT: The narrow tapes, when painted in metallics, will make superb ‘sticky tape’ to decorate your parcels! Don’t throw it out !!!



And some simple decorations to make with scraps of hand-coloured silk and styrene foam balls ... you can find the

pattern and full instructions for these on my website, Web Workshops page of the Ed Centre, and scroll down to “First Aid Kits”. Find them as “Silk Christmas Baubles”. On this page, there are even more patterns for simple gifts to make, so see what else you can discover.

As 2021 rapidly comes to an end, hope you have a safe and happy Christmas then plenty of time for creativity and relaxation in 2022. Thank you for supporting our Aussie family business through these challenging times. Here’s to lots more fun together in the YEARS ahead ...

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