



Illuminated Letter

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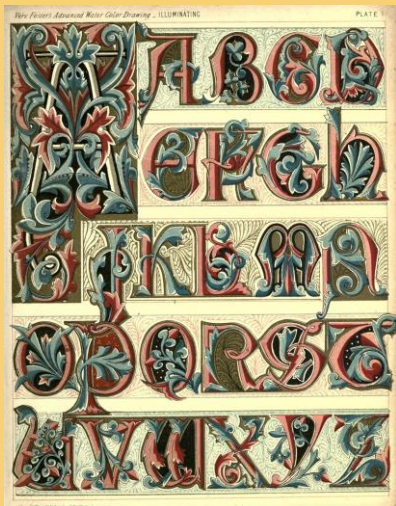
Background

The History of Illuminated Letters

Illuminated letters are handwritten letters that have been decorated with gold or silver, brilliant colours, or elaborate designs or miniature pictures. Though various Islamic societies also practiced this art, Europe had one of the longest and most cultivated traditions of illuminating manuscripts and letters.



Examples

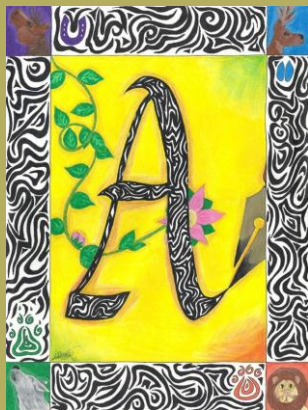


Materials

- 1- Scratch paper and pencil, eraser to practice letter
- 2 - Mixed media paper, watercolor pencils, brush, water, paper towel and sharpie

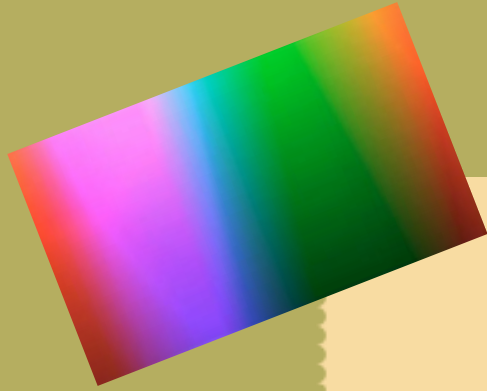
Instructions

- Decide upon your design. Keep it SIMPLE. You can use your phone for reference. Sketch it out first.
- Draw your design lightly in pencil on the mixed media paper.
- Then, go over it with the sharpie.
- Next, color the design using watercolor pencils. Heavier application will result in darker colors.
- Then, use the brush to lightly apply water. Brush over color sections one at a time.
- Clean your brush between colors. Change your water when it gets cloudy.
- OPTIONAL - add gold paint to highlight chosen areas



A picture is worth a
thousand words





What makes you unique???

Defining your identity via imagery



A decorative floral border in the top-left corner, featuring dark green vines, red flowers, and small red berries.

Art Making Time

Put the music on

Whatever is going to relax you and put you into a creative “flow”

Make your art

You can either follow the instructions strictly, or modify as it suits



Gallery Walk

Show your work and let us know which elements you thought were especially successful + share praise for others' creativity!





Thank you!

I appreciate you taking the time to
make and behold art today.

Art is for everyone.

It is the process, not the product.

