
Image Transfer

Lesson plan - transfer a photo onto a painting

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Want to try something new? We take a look at getting a simple print out of a photo onto a painting.

Transferring a photo onto a board, canvas or piece of card can provide a starting point for a painting. It can also be the basis for collage, Xmas cards or simply a mixed media painting

You will need a few things first



- Your photo and what subject to choose. Think about what the painting is to be about, perhaps it is a landscape with a complicated amount of trees, can you find a set of trees in black and white on Google?
- Once you have your photo, save it and print it out onto plain copy paper on your printer, print several out of various subjects in case you decide otherwise!
- Equipment: painting board (for acrylic), small canvas, heavyweight card, acrylic paint of your choice, in the video she uses gold but choose the colour your painting requires
- Heavy Matt Gel: this is for the photo transfer. I bought Jacksons own brand, in the video she uses Golden which is quite expensive
- Palette knife to apply gel
- small sponge with scourer on and small bowl of warm water
- Top coat: gloss gel, matt gel: these are optional but will protect your image and give it depth (especially the gloss) - stockists are probably Hobbycraft or the Range or online

METHOD

1. Give your support (board, canvas etc) one or two coats of your chosen acrylic colour allow to dry fully
2. With a palette knife then spread the Heavy Matt Gel all over the area you are going to place your photo, fairly thickly and evenly
3. place your photo face down into the gel and smooth out. Allow to dry, preferably over night
4. With a damp sponge gently work over the photo/printout to remove the paper
5. allow to dry
6. either continue with your painting as you would normally or if you are finished and want to coat with a gloss or matt gel.

Finished!