



MAKE MESSAGES TRY NEW THINGS HAVE FUN

Cold Wax + Oil for Beginners - Getting to Know the Medium

Basic Layering

- Apply one color, then add another on top. Press heavier, and lighter with the squeegee or palette knife.
- *Goal:* Understand the effects created by varying pressure.

Mixing for Opacity vs. Transparency

- Try different wax-to-paint ratios.
- Paint swatches showing opaque, semi-transparent, and veiled effects.
- *Focus:* "How does wax change the way color feels?"

Color Excavation Exercise

- Apply 3 layers in different colors. Allow to setup slightly. Scratch back to reveal hidden colors underneath.
- *Goal:* Encourage curiosity about what's beneath the surface.

Texture & Impressions

- Press objects (fabric, leaves, string) into the wax surface and then remove them.
- Try adding another layer of paint/wax over the impressions.
- *Focus:* "How can texture become part of a composition?"

Collage Integration (Optional)

- Experiment embedding paper scraps or dry pigment into wet wax.
- *Goal:* Expand surface possibilities.

Free Exploration Project

- Combine learned techniques (layering, scraping, veiling, texture, impressions) into a personal composition.
- *Goal:* Encourage confidence and intuitive decision-making.

