Abstract Acrylic Painting

This fast drying paint can be intimidating, but it's also the most forgiving and most versatile. Learn to layer paint with mixed media. Experiment with brushwork techniques and color mixing.



Printmaking: Art Prints, Gift Wrap, and Note Cards

Create decorative wall hangings or personalized note cards. Using Gelli Plates, create unique layered monoprints. Use stencils, nature, and direct painting to create single and multi-drop prints.



Up-cycle Art Jewelry

Create one-of-a-kind necklaces, bracelets, earrings, glasses chains, and key chains. Use #6 plastic from to-go containers to create unique charms. Reuse decorative papers to twist beautiful patterned beads. Combine with prefab beads, broken jewelry, and findings to complete your personalized accessories.



Mosaic Coasters

For coasters, use white indoor cement to set stained glass, ceramic tiles, hardware, and natural stones in a mold to create a one-of-a-kind coaster. Choose color scheme, lay out pattern, and transfer into wet cement to set stones. Coasters harden in 1 hour.



Classes for Seniors

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Emily Ellingsworth has been teaching older adults for 15 years. She empowers her students with new ideas, embracing happy accidents and skill development. She can tailor classes to suit the needs of folks with vision, hearing, and mobility loss. Her playful approach translates well to the classroom. She encourages students to build new neural pathways through experimentation and discovery of materials and self.

Schedule 2-hour workshops or multi-session classes specialized for your group of Seniors!



"Emily creates a painting environment where students go to creative places they've never been before. She is an example and a catalyst of unfettered artistic expression."

—Catherin Musham, Vero Beach, FL

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Mosaic Stepping Stones

Create the stepping stones in a 2 hour class and pick them up later. Space used for class needs to have a spot where stones can be left for several hours while thee concrete cures.



Mosaic Flower Pots

This process requires two class sessions. In the first class design, then use mosaic glue to attach stones to pots. In the second session grout and polish mosaics.



Tie Dying with Acrylics

Create one-of-kind fabrics using various tying, folding, dripping, dunking, and painting techniques. Bring in white or light or stained clothing or fabrics and give a new life to them. Use various ties and folds to manipulate and control the pigments. Create unique colors and visual textures. This class is for the bold, as you never know how your creations will turn out. Great fodder for quilters!



Creating Your Own Hand-Bound Sketchbook or Journal

Explore simple book-binding techniques to create your own unique journal or sketchbook using printed and hand-made papers. Students will learn the basics of bookmaking in this unique course and create a 5-signature sketchbook or journal. Books will be individualized towards the student's vision and printing and

collage methods will be explored to create unique covers for the finished product.



Papermaking: Handmade Stationery and Substrates

Create beautiful new paper with deckled edges from junk mail and office recycling. Learn traditional paper making process and embellish. Use paper for correspondence or to begin works of art.



"Emily is an excellent art teacher for the experienced artist, the person who hasn't painted in many years, and the beginner. All feel at home in her classes and feel inspired to express themselves." –Mimi Harvey, Asheville, NC