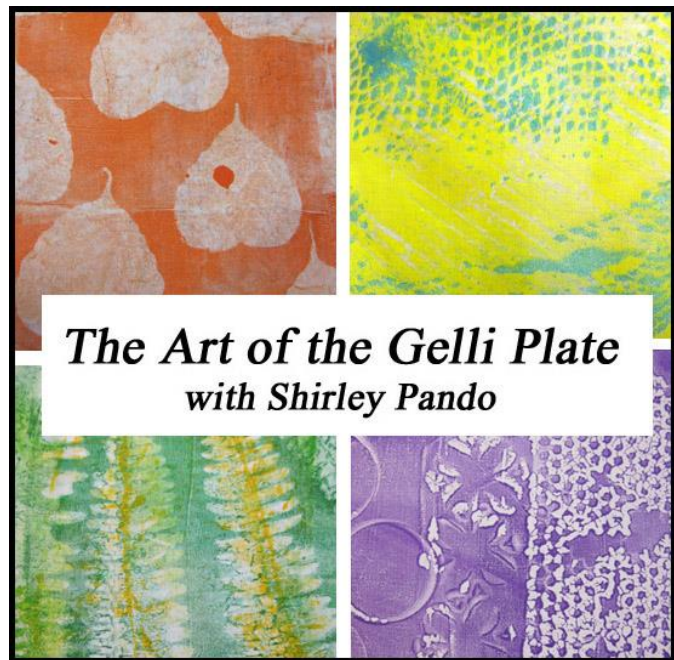




The Art of the Gelli Plate Course Description and Supply List

Course Description

The [Gelli Arts Gel Printing Plate](#) is all the rage right now and I know why. It makes printing super easy and loads of fun! I love using it to create colorful and unique backgrounds on paper (and fabric!) for art journals, cards, and other mixed media projects. If you have been dying to find out what this crafty tool is all about, now's your chance! Come join me as we create beautiful layered prints using the [Gelli Arts Gel Printing Plate](#). This will be a wonderfully painty adventure in monoprinting!



During this workshop students will:

- Learn the use, care, and storage of the [Gelli Arts Gel Printing Plate](#).
- Learn which types of paints and papers work best with monoprinting.
- Use repurposed items to create prints.
- Create handmade stencils, stamps, and masks to create prints.
- Make single and multiple prints on various types of paper.
- Learn how to rescue "ugly" prints.
- Use the prints made in class to create cards and either an art journal page or collaged canvas.

During the **Bonus 4th Lesson, students will:

- Learn which paints and fabrics work best for monoprinting.
- Create single and multiple prints on fabric.
- Use one of the fabric prints to create a no-sew fused fabric tote!

Course Syllabus

- **Lesson 1:** Introduction to the Gelli Plate – Storage, Care and General Use; Paints, Papers, and Tools; Adding Texture to the Plate, Creating Your First Prints, Experiments with Various Papers, Rescue Dried Paint on the Plate.
- **Lesson 2:** Printing on Fragile Papers, Printing with Ferns, Create Handmade Stencils, Stamps, and Masks; Techniques to Rescue and Ugly Print
- **Lesson 3:** Create Projects with Printed Papers – Cards and Either an Art Journal Page or Canvas.
- **Lesson 4 (BONUS):** Acrylic vs. Textile Paints, Fabrics; Printing on Fabric; Create a No-Sew Fused Fabric Tote.

General Supply List

- [Gelli Arts Gel Printing Plate](#) –I am using the 8” x 10” size
- Nonstick craft sheet or table covering
- [Brayer – Rubber](#) works best. Small size works great when using the smaller Gelli.
- Paint palette or disposable plate
- Paint brush, foam brushes
- Acrylic paint, any kind or color
- Papers – copy paper is great to practice with. Also try watercolor paper, cardstock, book paper, music paper, maps, etc.
- Scissors, Paper trimmer
- Acrylic medium or glue for collage
- Paper towels, rag, baby wipes for cleanup
- Ruler, pen, pencil
- Spray bottle of water
- Tweezers, or similar, to pull items off painted plate

Lesson 2: Handmade Stencils, Stamps, and Masks; Repurposed Items

- Cardstock OR manila file folders
- Craft knife, Self-healing mat
- Various tools you may have at home (you don’t need them all): foam stamps, rubbing plates, embossing folders, Punchinella (sequin waste), skeleton leaves, stencils, string, bubble wrap, cheesecloth, paint comb, paper doily, crocheted doily, netting or mesh, live ferns, corrugated cardboard, textured trims, empty thread spools, plastic wrap

Lesson 3: Projects

- Card blanks, any size, and your favorite adhesive for card making
- Art Journal page or stretched artist canvas (any size) to collage on, your choice
- Embellishments, as desired

BONUS Lesson 4

- Fabric – Muslin is the cheapest and easiest to practice on. If you have an 8” x 10” printing plate you will be cutting your fabric to that size. Get as many pieces as you would like to print on.

- Scissors for fabric.
- Paints – We will be talking about the differences in paints during class. But in general, if you will create an item that will NOT need to be washed, you can use regular acrylic paints on fabric. If the item will need to be washed you will need either acrylic paint + [fabric medium](#), or [textile paints](#). Please read the bottle of paint to make sure it will work on the type of fabric you have selected.
- To create an easy no sew tote bag. Gather the following items:
 - Purchased tote, [similar to this one](#).
 - Double sided fusible like [Heat-n-Bond Ultrahold](#) OR [Steam-A-Seam](#).
 - Iron, ironing board and parchment paper (to protect iron).
 - Embellishments, as desired.