



Fine Art Course Options

Any of these courses can be offered as up to an 8-week course and some can be extended longer. If your class is less than 8 weeks, you may let us know which projects you prefer. In all courses, an instructor leads students step-by-step through the drawing and coloring or painting process. Students learn drawing techniques, proper use of art mediums, art vocabulary, and many courses teach interesting facts related to the subject or theme. Descriptions may specify a medium (such as chalk pastels, watercolor paints, oil pastels, watercolor crayons, colored pencils, or mixed-media), but **most courses may be changed to any medium if you have a preference**. Projects in most courses can be tailored for different skill levels and age groups.

Courses Listed in Alphabetical Order:

Am I Dreaming? Our minds can run creatively wild in our dreams, which we can't control but also in our art, which we can. Be inspired by the art of René Magritte of Belgium and Vladimir Kush of Russia, who use their imagination and creativity to design worlds we only see in our dreams. We'll apply their ideas to create our own eye-catching works of art. After you draw your masterpiece, learn techniques to color with chalk pastels.

American Pop Art Do you like creative, colorful, drawings that grab your eye? Learn about this fun 1960's art movement that celebrated American popular culture and was seen largely in ads and comic books. You'll gain new drawing skills as you make your own Pop Art. Apply rich colors with oil pastel.

Animal Babies Are you an animal lover? Draw cute and cuddly baby animals such as fluffy puppies, furry kittens, fuzzy snow penguins, and adorable tiger cubs. Learn techniques with chalk pastels and colored pencils to make it look like you can reach out and touch them!

Art Appreciation Dive into hands-on art projects as you learn about some of "The Masters" who have shaped the history of art. Learn about their different styles and then create a similar masterpiece by recreating one of their paintings or creating a new image in that style. Various mediums such as pastel, watercolors, oil pastel, and paper sculpture may be explored.

Australian Outback G'day mate! Join our adventure. Learn interesting Australian trivia while you create their well known creatures such as kangaroos, koalas, frogs and crocodiles. Learn tips for watercolors and new coloring and shading techniques with chalk pastels.

Backyard Exploration What critters are living in your backyard? Learn interesting trivia about them while you create unique creatures such as praying mantis, butterflies, lizards, and even that furry pet which chases them all away. Learn tips for watercolors and new coloring and shading techniques with chalk pastels.

Beach Buddies Our California Coast is bustling with marine life including sea otters, dolphins, sea lions, pelicans, whales, and sharks! Learn to draw some of these amazing sea creatures and discover interesting facts about them. Bring them to life with splashes of color.

California Missions This great state is home to many beautiful Missions, each with its own unique architecture and landscaping. Ringing bells, refreshing fountains, billowing clouds and colorful flowers are a few of the features you may include as you draw and color these historical landmarks.

Cartoon Design Imagine you are an animator for Disney! Create your own cartoon characters and story. Learn to draw facial expressions, body poses, and design background settings. Final projects include a comic strip. Color with colored pencils.

Colorful Wings Draw beautiful winged creatures such as butterflies, birds decorated with patterned wings, and colorful hummingbirds. Experiment with different watercolor effects to make stunning paintings.

Costume Party! Do you ever dress in costumes and pretend you are someone or something else? Learn the basics of drawing realistic people as you have fun clothing them in different costumes such as super heroes, royalty, and animals. Then get creative with color as you learn techniques for applying chalk pastels.

Create-a-Creature Express yourself with colors and designs! This class offers a great blend of creativity and skill building. Learn to draw creatures such as reptiles, butterflies and fish using basic shapes. Next, use your wild imagination to design patterns that dance around the page in vivid color. Explore the process of “resist,” painting watercolor over designs of oil pastels, and scratching more patterns into the surface. Then sprinkle a little salt and wait for a unique snowflake effect!

Creations of the Nations Hola! Bonjour! Hello! Different countries and cultures have made their mark on the world through art and architecture. Recreate famous works in unique ways such as the Statue of Liberty, Mona Lisa, Eiffel Tower, Mayan pyramids, and tribal masks. Learn tips for watercolors and new coloring and shading techniques with chalk pastels.

Creative Coloring Do you want to create art that has a unique style? Learn to draw realistic subjects such as animals and tasty fruit but put your creativity to the test as you add bursts of color and lines in new ways! Explore crosshatching and other creative styles. Mediums may include pastel, watercolor crayons, and/or oil pastel.

Designs of the Times All over the world, since the beginning of time, cultures have used lines and colors in unique ways. We’ll find inspiration from Egyptian, African and Mayan art and explore the moods associated with each color. Learn to draw artifacts, tribal masks and other cultural art. Next, using rich oil pastels on bright colored papers, add your own creative designs!

Fantasy & Fairytales Jump into a world of action and wonder. Improve your drawing skills while you create fairytale characters, dragons, unique creatures and enchanting castle scenes. Learn tips for watercolors and new coloring and shading techniques with chalk pastels.

Fun & Familiar Faces Do you want to learn to draw faces better? This complex subject matter is made much simpler as you learn the basic structure of the head, including proper proportions, so you can draw a complete, realistic portrait. Draw a Presidential portrait like Abraham Lincoln with his tall top hat or George Washington with his curly white hair. Even bring a photo to draw a friend or family member. Learn to shade with charcoal and/or chalk pastels.

Fun with Metaphors Expand your creativity, like Vladimir Kush, a real, live artist from Russia. See how he uses his imagination to make fascinating paintings that tell of life, history, and science. He exaggerates the likeness of two things, such as when you “see” an object hidden in the clouds or in a rock formation. Learn watercolor techniques as you re-create his inspiring paintings.

Futuristic Travel Let your imagination soar as we consider new vehicles of travel across land and seas. Create a flying sports car, sailing limousine, and a submarine train. Add a fun background such as fish in your deep sea. Then finish it off with splashes of color as you learn techniques to paint with watercolors.

I Love You, California Our great “Golden State” is known for everything from Disneyland to state symbols such as the grizzly bear, Dogface butterfly, tall redwoods & beautiful fields of poppies. Learn drawing skills as you combine California’s unique qualities to create your own “Disney Castle Beach,” “Gold Rush Postage Stamp,” and/or “Royal Roller Coaster.” Paint with watercolor crayons as you learn California trivia. For starters, did you know this class is named after our state song, & our state is named after a Queen?

Island Adventure Aloha! Improve your drawing skills and learn ocean trivia while you create a tropical island and creatures of the sea such as playful dolphins, clawing crabs, and sharks. Experiment with watercolors, oil pastels, and colored pencils for creative mixed-media effects.

Jungle Cruise All aboard! Gain new drawing skills and learn safari trivia while you create animals you’d see on a jungle cruise such as toucans, koalas, monkeys and hippos. Experiment with watercolors, oil pastels, and colored pencils for creative mixed-media effects.

Out of this World! Blast off into the world of space to explore planets and galaxies! Soak-in interesting facts about the universe as you learn to draw a space shuttle, astronaut on the moon, and planet earth. Experience the fun of coloring with chalk pastels on black paper.

Pirates of the Carribean Ahoy! Join the captain and crew as we embark on a journey to discover hidden artistic skill. Learn to draw Captain Hook, pirate ships sailing at sea, sunken treasure chests full of plunder, and colorful parrots. Learn tips for watercolors and new coloring and shading techniques with chalk pastels.

Reptile Mania! Don't miss this fun, mixed-media class. Follow step-by-step techniques to draw reptile friends such as turtles, frogs, lizards and snakes. Learn about color combinations and design techniques to create unique patterns with oil pastels. Paint the remaining sections with watercolors and try adding salt, which soaks up paint, leaving a spotted effect.

Safari Quest Reserve a seat on our Safari! You'll improve your drawing skills and learn safari trivia while you create African scenes and animals such as giraffes, lions, zebras and tiger cubs. Experiment with watercolors, oil pastels, and colored pencils for creative mixed-media effects.

Snorkel Adventure Jump in the reef with us! Discover new drawing skills and learn ocean trivia while you create fun underwater creatures such as sea horses, colorful fish, sea turtles and octopuses. Experiment with watercolors, oil pastels, and colored pencils for creative mixed-media effects.

Stretch your Imagination Discover a world inspired by dreams and imagination. Ordinary objects are drawn to create mystery and tease your mind. Surrealism reminds us that in art, things don't have to be as they are in the real world. Your art can be truly fascinating! Color with chalk pastels.

Twist on Famous Art Art can be clever and funny. Learn interesting facts about famous paintings and their artists as you recreate the artwork, adding your own unique twist to make each creative, colorful and fun. See how other artists have done the same, humorously changing famous paintings. Learn coloring and painting techniques using watercolor crayons.

Under the Sea Dive on in! Improve your drawing skills and learn ocean trivia while you create spectacular sea life such as orca whales (like Shamu), colorful fish, and even a treasure chest hidden in a coral reef! Experiment with watercolors, oil pastels, and colored pencils for creative mixed-media effects.

Unexpected Creatures Do you ever see insects and reptiles hanging around in your mother's beautiful flower bouquets? This is common in Dutch paintings from the 1600's. Have fun re-creating these unexpected visitors with beautiful flowers. Color with chalk pastels and colored pencils.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Fun in the "Son" Gather around to listen to short Bible stories and visualize the scene. Then bring each to life as you learn to illustrate a key element of it. Create fluffy sheep, fishing boats at sea, colorful flowers and chirping birds. Learn tips for watercolors and new coloring and shading techniques with chalk pastels.

Watercolor Wonders Watercolor is a fun medium to explore! You will learn to create many different effects based on the amount of water used, whether painting on a dry or wet paper, and by experimenting with various tools that create stunning effects. Next, incorporate these techniques into beautiful completed paintings.

Wild Wild West Put on your hat and boots and get ready to step into a different way of life. Discover new skills and learn western trivia while you draw wild horses, trains, rattlesnakes and cactus covered land. Learn tips for watercolors and new coloring and shading techniques with chalk pastels.

Winter Wonderland Grab your coat and join us as we draw North Pole animals such as reindeer, penguins and polar bears, with a cheerful holiday theme. Add your own creativity and designs. Learn new techniques to paint with watercolors and see how sprinkling salt into wet paint creates a snowflake effect. Projects make great holiday gifts!

We reserve the right to substitute any projects to fit the time frame of the class, age range, or due to special request.

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