

## **Figure Watercolor Painting**

Create a drawing of yourself, a family member, or a friend in a pose of your choice. You may work from life or a photo or both. You may NOT get any images from the INTERNET. The posed figure can be standing, seated, relaxed, or in action using any view point; front view, side view or an angled view. Three quarters of your figure must be present within your composition; the head included. To give your composition interest, cropping the figure off the page to some degree is recommended. The figure must be in proportion and not distorted or abstracted. Include a background whether it is an environment or design. The finished piece will be done in watercolor. The finished piece will be done in watercolor but you can maintain the contour quality of your figure with sharpie, graphite or colored pencil.

Steps:

1. Take photograph(s) of yourself, a friend or family member and select a pose for your finished piece. If you prefer you may do a series of observational drawings of instead.
2. Do several thumbnail compositions first, and then select which of those you would like to do (with teacher approval) for your final project.
3. On the watercolor paper map out a 9" x 12" rectangle, lightly with pencil, indicating the perimeter of your artwork.
4. Transfer your drawing to the watercolor paper using either the grid method or sight drawing.
5. Trim the outer edge of the 9" x 12" box with masking tape. Adhere it lightly to the surface of the paper. The tape creates a nice edge when painting.
6. If you prefer you may start with watercolor pencils. Add water to the color penciled areas and watercolor washes throughout. You may incorporate any water color techniques shown in class.
7. If you choose to you may finish your painting by adding sharpie, graphite and or colored pencils for some outlining and detail work.

### **Criteria:**

**Size:** 9" x 12" (vertical or horizontal)

**Paper:** Watercolor paper

**Medium:** Watercolor pencils and watercolor paint. Adding sharpie, graphite or colored pencils or a combination of those is optional.

**Image:** Figure of yourself, a friend or family member,  $\frac{3}{4}$  must be present, include your head

### **Grading Rubric (100pts Total)**

**Composition = 20pts**

**Criteria = 20pts**

**Use of Medium = 20pts**

**Creativity = 20pts**

**Craftsmanship = 20pts**