Activity



Coffee art is a great activity to do at home, especially if you don't have any paint. We will be painting a still life or an object you used daily. I have arranged a still life in the next slide. I will be sharing more reference pictures, you may replicate one of those or arrange your own still life or an object you are planning to make.

To complete this activity you are going to need:

• Paintbrush of various sizes according to the design.

• Instant Coffee (Nescafe)

• A pencil, eraser and a sharpener.

- Water in a cup
- A tea spoon
- Palette or 3 container to hold coffee
- Sketchbook or any white paper.





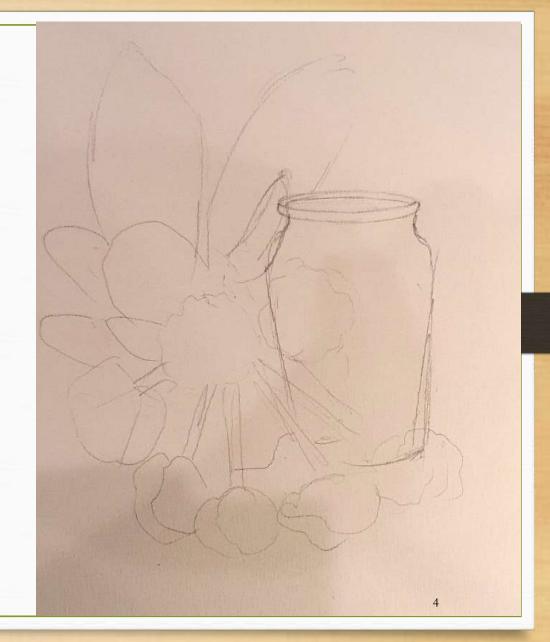
This is the image I am starting with. You may choose one of the images I will be sharing or may be of your choice, it can be anything.



Read through all the stages of this process and then come back to the beginning and re-read the stages and complete them as you go along.

First,

- You need to sketch the object you are making. It needs to be light as you are going to erase this line. You just need to compose the objects beautifully on the paper and start painting.
- After sketching the object or the composition you are making, you need to erase the harsh or the darker lines so that they are not visible when you are painting them.
- The drawing needs to be basic, only the silhouette shall be drawn.



Second,

You need to take coffee, palettes, tea spoon and water cup, add a very small quantity of coffee in one palette, Double the quantity for the second and for third triple the quantity. Then add water in all three and make pastes.





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Checking the pigments.

- Check the consistency of the paint on a separate piece of paper.
- I have tried on the image given on right, lightest, dark and the darkest.
- If you feel like you need to be adding more coffee in any of the palettes, you may adjust accordingly.



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Third,

- Start painting the object now.
- Lighter first, darker second and the darkest third.
- Before adding the other layers let first dry.
- You need to control the consistency of the paint. It will work mostly as watercolor but it is with coffee and it smells amazing, very refreshing.
- Don't forget to see where is the light coming from.
- Use the brush sizes according to your object.
- I will share a video of this process.



Here you go,

- This will be the final step, adding darkest shade and leave it for drying.
- In the picture the paint is still very wet.
- I added layers even when it was wet which has turned the painting to some abstract styled still life.
- When you paint try to stay with realism and add more layers when the previous one dries.
- Good Luck with this assignment.

