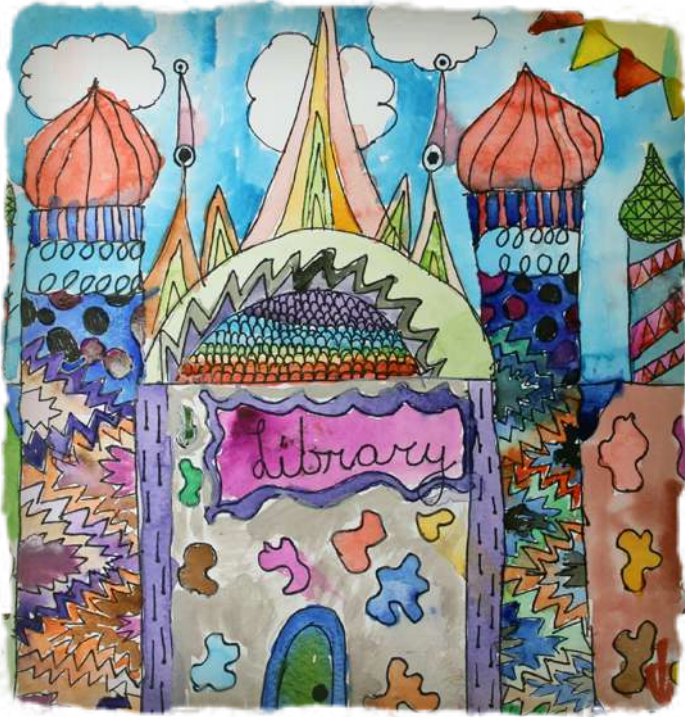


“Russian Buildings”



Objective: Students will use features of Russian Architecture to come up with an original building design.

Materials

- Watercolor paper 10" x10"
- Pencils and Thin Permanent Markers
- Watercolor Paint
- Small Paint Brushes

Motivation

- Read Iggy Peck Architect by Andrea Beaty.
- Share examples of Russian Architecture. Talk about the different distinct features such as domes, onion domes, arches, and spires and overall decorative appearance.
- Have students look at a Russian building and try to find the different features as a group.

Step 1: Draw Main Building

Students will come up with an original building to draw using features of Russian architecture. Examples could include an art museum, pet store, police station or library. Students should focus on filling the page and using different features of Russian architecture.

Step 2: Trace and Add Details

Because students will eventually be painting these pieces, tracing over the pencil lines with a permanent marker is important. An extra fine tip will work best. After the main building shape has been traced, encourage students to add line designs and patterns to simulate the decorative nature of Russian buildings. The designs and patterns can be added directly with the permanent marker.

Step 3: Paint

Using watercolor paint and small brushes, have students paint in their buildings. This step is a great time to talk about brush control and craftsmanship. Remind students to “jump” around their paintings so that wet areas do not run together. A watercolor set with 16 colors provides lots of great choices.

Tip: I allow one day for drawing, a second day for tracing and adding details, and two days for painting.

Tip: These look great displayed as a set either on a bulletin board or in an art show. and cool colors in the correct place before you move on.