

PEN & WASH

4-WEEK WORKSHOP WITH LIZZIE CONNOR



Pen & Wash is a fresh & fun way of combining some watercolour technique with your drawing skills.

A wash is a term for a visual arts technique resulting in a semi-transparent layer of color. A wash of diluted watercolour paint applied in combination with [drawing](#) is called Pen & Wash. Normally only one or two colours of wash are used.

This workshop will explore creating a number of different pen sketches of a diverse range of topics, using a range of different tonal areas created by making lots of different lines & marks & then overlaying lightly coloured wash or washes over selected areas of the drawing to emphasise focal points in the drawing. Drawing materials to be played with will be felt tips, biros, Indian ink & pens.

If students are not so keen on drawing or not confident, this could be a great way to up your skills with drawing using paint mediums as well. Pen & Wash is a lovely free way of working where the brush work is soft and loose, as is the pen work, but the pen work also is the element that holds the images together & gives them strength.

Using lightweight materials, it makes this process perfect for travel journaling or quick inspired sketches with some colour added – for example, if you are sketching where there is a lot of movement & colour, Pen & Wash allows you to work fast and capture this. Or, if you have more time to spend on creating an image of a micro view of a shell or coral on the beach, Pen & Wash allows you to capture the textures you see & support that with the addition of subtle colours from the watercolour wash.

MATERIALS LIST

Small set of watercolour paints containing:

Alizarin crimson

Cadmium Red Light

Cadmium Yellow Deep

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Ultramarine Blue

Pthalo Blue

Black

Brushes: 2 x round brushes, size 3 & 6 synthetic bristle & a good watercolour mop

Water container/rags

Graphite pencils – 4B or 6B

Black biros & a couple of fine felt tip markers

One nib pen

One bottle of Quink black fountain pen ink (from Officeworks, Maroochydore)

A3 size watercolour paper pad