

## Gel Plate Printing Basics

### Create Beautiful, One-of-a-Kind Papers for Your Mixed Media Art

Get started with the exciting process of gel plate printing! Learn how to apply paint, use stencils/mark making tools and create one-of-a-kind prints using acrylics. We'll cover how to achieve crisp impressions, pull multiple prints from one plate, and experiment with texture tools to add interest. Perfect for beginners or those looking to refresh their skills.

- Basic pulls to create striking backgrounds
- Two-layer prints for rich depth and complexity
- How different types of paper react with the plate to create unique images
- Ghost prints and how to use the leftover paint for beautiful surprises
- Building compositions by combining colors, textures, and layers

This hands-on workshop is perfect for anyone who wants to add expressive, handmade elements to their art. Whether you're new to gel printing or want to revisit the basics with a fresh perspective, you'll come away with skills and papers ready to use in your mixed media practice.

#### Supply List

Provided by Instructor **for student use during Class:**

- Gel printing plate(s) – 5"x7"
- Brayer
- Baby wipes (for cleaning plate)
- Speciality Paper\*

#### **Students Should Bring:**

- Gel Plate (if you have one) such as Gelli Arts brand (not a plate for speedball ink)
- 4" Brayer (if you have one)
- Paper Towel
- Palette Knife
- Masking Tape
- Scissors
- Acrylic paints – 2-3 coordinating colors plus black and white (not craft paint)
- Favorite stencils, stamps, or texture tools
- Personal mark-making tools or anything you'd like to try pressing into paint
  
- A variety of papers to print on, such as:
  - Copy paper (white ) 15 sheets minimum required
  - Yasumoto Sketchbook Paper (Rice paper)\*
  - Carnival wet strength tissue paper\*
  - Artist Deli paper\*
  - Medical exam table paper\*
  - Teabag paper\*

#### Optional:

- Sketchbook or journal for notes and test prints
- Colored pencils, pens, or markers for enhancing prints
- Apron or smock

\* A supply of speciality paper will be provided by the instructor. Feel free to bring your own.

