

Wabi Sabi Inspired Mixed Media Create Beautiful, One-of-a-Kind Gel Print Papers *and* a Collage

The Japanese philosophy of Wabi-Sabi reminds us that beauty is often found in the imperfect, the weathered, and the quietly incomplete. In this workshop, we will slow down and explore a more contemplative approach to creating art.

Using acrylic paint, a brayer, and a gel plate, you'll learn simple printing techniques that allow subtle layers, worn surfaces, and rustic textures to emerge naturally. Through this purposeful practice, you'll explore how restraint, simplicity, and thoughtful mark-making can create depth and meaning.

The papers you print will then become the building blocks for a simple, meaningful collage that reflects the quiet beauty and philosophy of Wabi-Wabi.

Supply List

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

- Gel printing plate(s) – 5"x7"
- 4" 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)
 - Brayer (if you have one)
 - Paper towel
 - Palette Knife, Scissors, Masking Tape
 - Acrylic paints such as Liquitex basics, Nova or similar – white, black, paynes gray, yellow ochre or iron oxide, raw umber, burnt sienna, gold
 - Favorite Natural Texture Tools - ie:corrugated cardboard, sponges, etc.
 - Liquitex Matte Fluid Medium
 - Water container
 - Catalyst Wedge or old credit card/key card
 - Flat or Filbert Brush for Applying Matte Medium
 - Flat canvas panel or gessoed wood panel - any size from 4"x4" to 8"x8"

 - 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.

