Tips from the Studio



- Acrylic paint stains clothing and carpet, so you should wear a smock or "painting clothes" while painting. If possible, avoid painting on carpet and upholstery. Paint washes off of skin, brushes, wood, and tile easily.
- As with any paint usage, avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth, and ears.
- Only choose non-toxic acrylic paint for the lessons. This curriculum recommends the Liquitex BASICS[™] acrylic paint line for all of its lessons. However, you can match the colors to another paint brand if preferred. For your convenience, we matched the lesson's colors to DecoArt[®] Americana[®] craft paint line as an economic alternative, although we highly recommend the Liquitex paint line to yield the results in the eBooks.
- Cover tables with table covers before painting for easy clean up.
- If you want to add texture to your paintings, you can mix Liquitex BASICS[™] Gloss Heavy Gel (heavy or super heavy formula) into the paint. The gel thickens the acrylic paint and creates a textured effect which is characteristic of Impressionistic oil paintings.
- Only use brushes made for acrylic and oil paint. Individual brushes can be purchased through Michaels craft store. For large groups, this curriculum recommends the following brush set that can be ordered directly through Amazon, Nasco, or Sax online catalogs: Royal Brush Acrylic Super Value Taklon Flat and Round Set (set includes 120 assorted sizes of flat and round brushes)
- You can either purchase individual tubes of Liquitex paint or purchase a set. If purchasing a set, we recommend the Liquitex BASICS[™] 48 Tube Acrylic Paint Set 22ml which is available on Amazon or from Michaels.