

What I learned in School this week

Some quick thoughts after the Margaret Best CoolHues workshop. A few new techniques, new pencils to consider.

Paper: Bristol Vellum 300 Series

Pencils: She only uses Lightfast pencils so:

- * Faber-Castells with 3 stars (always use for the first layer.)
- Caran d'Ache Luminance
- Derwent Lightfast (good, rich, creamy darks)

We were doing cool colors using specimens like pansies, so the recommended colors were in the magenta, violet, blue range.

CoolTools used in blending:

- Cool plastic circle template
- * Taklon (soft white nylon) brushes
- * Color Shapers
- Visual Edge Slant Board
- Magnetic dots for slant board to hold paper down.

Techniques:

- Value studies
- Slow light pressure color layering
- * Color Mixing using the Orb
- * Blending with a brush

Lots to talk about in class!

"Why are we here and what are we doing?" ... Margaret Best

