

## What I learned in School last 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 while working:

- \* 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

