

## Faux Airbrush



Looking for a way to create the softness of an airbrush without using one?

This cool technique, using watercolors and pastels, was shown to me by one of my advanced students, Nicole Digweed.

Thanks, Nicole, for always striving for excellence!

*This is a project for intermediate and advanced students.*

*Artwork by MAI student, Nicole Digweed.*

### Supplies needed:

- Watercolor paints or watercolor pencils
- Hard or soft pastels
- Razor blade, utility knife, or X-Acto knife
- Small bowl
- Illustration board
- Soft bristle paint brush (the kind used for watercolors)

1. Create a design for coloring on illustration board with pencil.

2. Lightly color in the design with washes of watercolor paint (or use watercolor pencils for accuracy). By having a painted base, the whiteness of the board is covered.

3. Scrape a pastel of choice with a blade into a small bowl, creating pastel powder.



4. Using a small paintbrush, apply the powder over the dry watercolor to add shading or highlights.



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