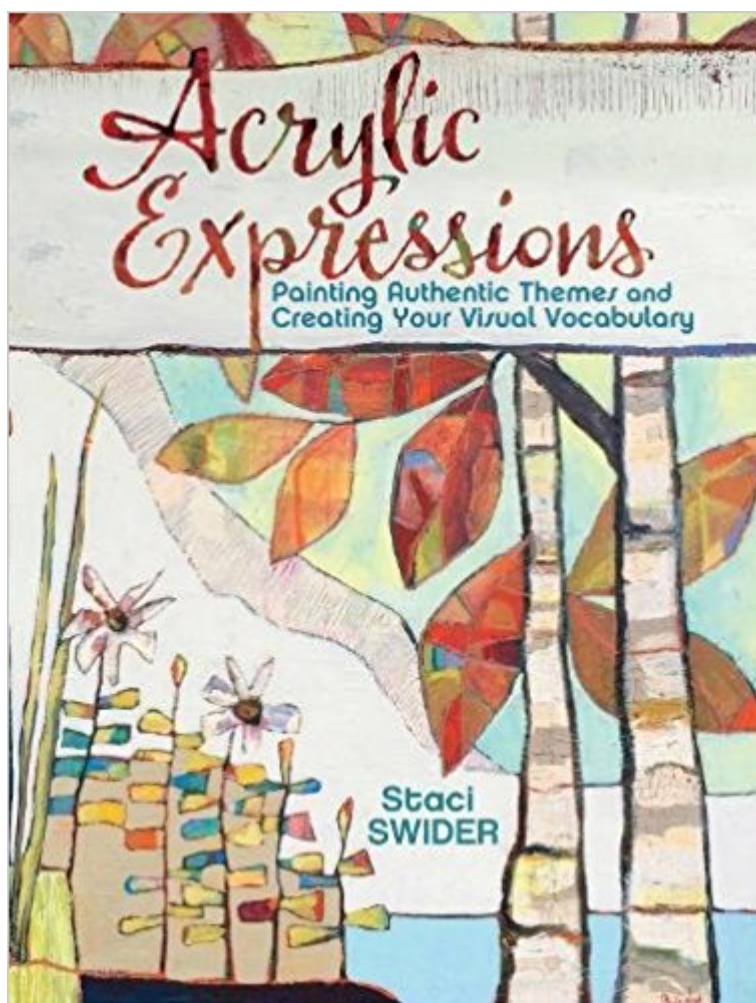


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Acrylic Expressions: Painting Authentic Themes And Creating Your Visual Vocabulary



Synopsis

Create artwork that is a reflection of you! Your artwork is your voice, as unique as your fingerprints, and Acrylic Expressions shows you how to paint and express your authentic self. Learn to create a consistent and individualized body of work through workshop-style instruction and creative prompts. Discover how to paint intuitively by uncovering meaningful personal symbols and distilling them into a visual vocabulary. Then combine your interpretation and personal inspiration as you use acrylic paints and other materials to create textural, expressive, abstract-style works of art.

• Develop a signature painting style by discovering your own unique color palette. Find the source of your inspiration--childhood memories, folklore, the natural world--and create a personal library of symbols and marks to use to build complex and layered artworks. Learn to take a common theme and apply it to a variety of compositional approaches to develop your own series of self-reflective paintings. Features 20 step-by-step projects with painting and mixed media. Build intuitive art from scratch and learn to experiment with texture, color and even how to create painting surfaces with power tools.

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Customer Reviews

With a million DIY painting books out there--half of which I think I own--it's pretty clear to me that many of them just don't deliver and often exist simply as eye candy and promotional pieces for an artist's classes or product line. Swider's is without a doubt eye candy, but it is one of the best books out there right now with actual projects that both the hobby and working artist can jump into and try. Straightforward and step oriented, this book of acrylic painting projects gives clear instruction but

definitely leaves room for the adventurous artist to go out on her own and make the art personal. I am a working and a teaching artist and this book is definitely going on my Recommended List. Thank you Staci for such a beautiful and useful addition to the artist's studio.

Inspiring

In the last six years, I've taken numerous art workshops/classes & have purchased several books. No natural talent here, just want to add some fun & creativity during my retirement years. I have no interest in traditional art/trying to make something realistic/flawless -- just create art that makes me (& visitors to my home) happy. So this is the perfect book for me & everyone who wants to add joy to their art. The author's step-by-step photos & instructions are easy to follow, even for a beginner. She has so many fun ideas, projects & techniques in this book. I will not only copy to learn, but will draw inspiration as I improve my own art in the future. Her bio says she lives in So. Carolina -- because of this book, I'll definitely be saving to fly cross-country to take classes from her in person.

Chock full of beautiful images and clear step outs and directions to create your own. Inspirational writing. I devoured it in one night and cleared a few hours the next day to use some of the ideas and inspiration. I'll be re-reading this one many times. Highly recommend.

This is one gorgeous book. The artwork is stunning and mind blowing, not to mention the projects actually fun and useful. I teach private lessons and this is great for teaching creativity and multimedia to get adults and kids alike to think outside the box. Highly recommended for yourself as well.

I absolutely love this book! I was drawn to it from the description of discovering your own visual alphabet. Staci shows you how she incorporates her visual alphabet in easy to reproduce projects. I'm drawn to her unique way of capturing shapes,color and texture on a canvas or board. I'm inspired by her process (and experimenting with it) to help me uncover my own visual alphabet. The person who gave a low rating missed the point of the book.

I can't say enough about this book or the Artist. I have watched 3 out of 4 of her Demo's on NorthLight and LOVED them, and this book is a great compliment, plus LOTS more info and great directions into her process. I am just getting back into painting after many many years off, and this is

just what I needed. I love her style and her art.

Very detailed and clear instructions on different techniques used by Staci. Love the book and looking forward to trying all the techniques!!

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