Five sessions of fun, step-by-step instruction in a new art technique each week!

Session 1: Japanese Stab Bookbinding

With this simple yet impressive-looking binding technique, needing few materials, you'll finish class with a blank book to be used for sketching, photos, journaling, anything!

Session 2: Paper Beads

This is an easy technique to make beautiful beads for jewelry or decorating. Any paper will work but I've found that magazine pages make the most surprising visuals!

Session 3: Watercolor Resist

Using a variety of materials, we will explore ways to create patterns and shapes with hard and soft edges. This is a fun experimental class to get creativity flowing!

Session 4: Image Transfer – Two Ways

I'll be showing two different techniques for transferring a found image onto another surface. The first uses glue or acrylic paint, and the second uses crayons to create a carbon paper-like tracing surface. Plus, we will talk about other possibilities for this versatile process.

Session 5: Grid Drawing

Using a drawn grid as a guide, we will copy an existing found image onto our own drawing. This approach can be used to copy or re-scale an image, or to create a drawing from our own collage. It also introduces some of the concepts I cover in my drawing lessons, such as proportion, scale, blocking, and value.

About the Instructor:

Niki Kriese holds an MFA in Painting and Printmaking from Rhode Island School of Design and a BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Additionally she has a Collegiate Teaching Certificate from Brown University's Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning. She has taught at the undergraduate level at both RISD and Parsons School of Design, and has been a practicing artist for over twenty years.

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