

Rice Paper Flowers

With Lynn Whipple

As you gather your supplies, set yourself up to have fun! Turn on your music! Play it loud!! Let yourself dance! Light a candle! It is always helpful to have a lovely pot of fresh flowers to look at to inspire you, but you don't have any at the moment, a great photo of yummy flowers will work perfectly!

Art making is all about pLAy! We never know exactly how something will turn out, so why not make it an adventure :) Try adding layering with any technique you may already love! Use **Rice Paper Flowers** as great jumping off point to see how much joy you can have translating flowers into something that is visually loose and free. Since everything is just a layer, you can't do it wrong! You have full permission to do anything that comes to you in the moment! Have fun!

All my best,

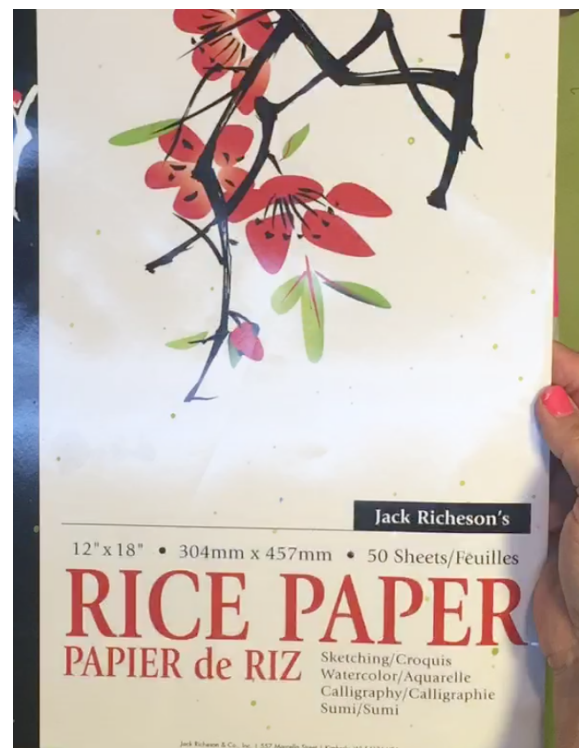
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Supplies:

12x12 canvas or paper, or any size you like
Pad of Rice Paper 12x18 or a size that fits your paper
variety pack of colored tissue paper
gloss or gel medium
sharpie in a dark color
acrylic paint
brush
paper towel or rag
pencil
scissors
flower arrangement or photo to use as your muse



Step one:

Cut squares of layers of different colored tissue paper, choose colors you like you enjoy!



Step two:

Cut some of the layered squares in nice sized ovals, some in strips, some in circles, some in leaf shapes and some shapes that might be nice to create a vase



Step three:

With your gel medium, start laying down different shapes and colors in the area that will be the flowers, the leaves and some shapes that will work well as a vase. Overlap colors and shapes for fun!



Step four:

With acrylic paint, choose a color you like add water and with your brush do a little spatter on your collage, set aside to dry.



Step five:

Take your rice paper and your sharpie, look at your lovely blooms, turn up your music and draw!! Don't lift your pen and let it make nice spots in the paper when you leave the pen down as you pause between lines. Loose and free, anything is permitted! Your drawing might transfer to the rice paper below, which looks cool but you may want to add a plain piece of paper behind your pages of rice paper. Place your drawing on the page in a way that will in some way line up with your tissue paper collage, but you can leave realism behind!



Step six:

Fabulous drawing! Bravo! Now cut it out around the edges so we can collage your rice paper flowers on top of your tissue paper collage.



Step seven:

Collage your Rice Paper Flowers right on top of your tissue paper collage



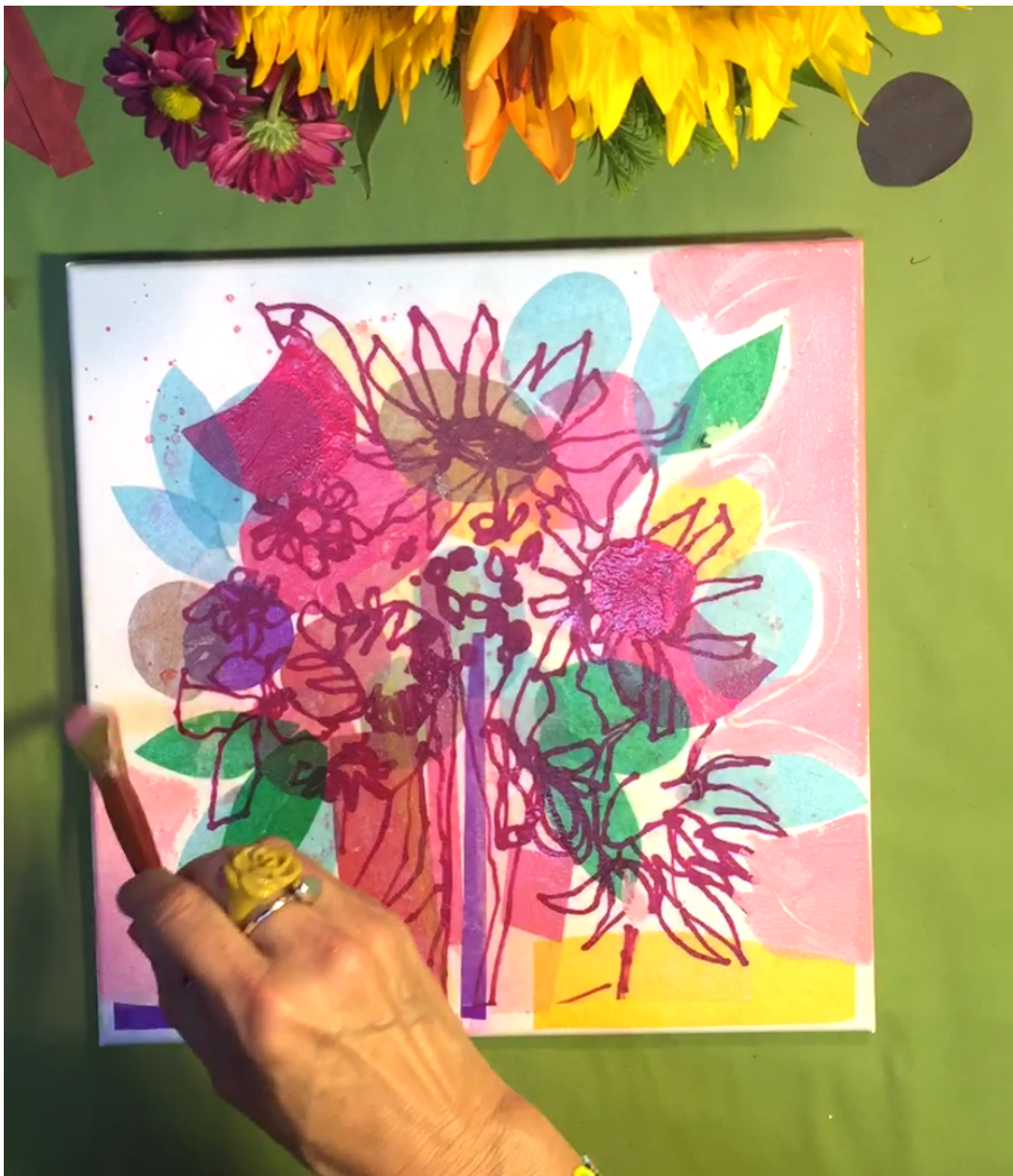
Step eight:

Collage more fun tissue paper shapes, leaves, ovals, stems, vase shapes down on top of your drawing, brush down your colored shapes with your gel medium



Step nine:

Now you are ready to cut in some paint! Mix a color that appeals to you and will go nicely with your collage, and paint around the edges of your shapes and flowers, leave a little air around the shapes to let your flowers breathe! Once dry, add some drawing, or highlights... let your piece tell you what it needs for those final touches....





I hope you enjoy your creative play! Thank you for spending time with me and moving your hands! Please check out my site at lynnwhipple.com and my online classes at Carlasonheim.com