

Retro Graphic Art Painting - Beginner

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The goal of this class is to become familiar with basic graphic design principles and use them to create paintings inspired by works and colour palettes from the past. We will go through examples of vintage art, advertisements, interiors, anything to spark your creativity to make something new using the heart from years gone by. Students don't necessarily need to have previous painting experience to participate as we will go step by step in the process to create something lovely for your home. This class would be best suited for people who want to have fun while painting and want to try something new.

Materials List:

- Scrap paper or a sketch pad with pencil, eraser & sharpener (there is an electric sharpener if required at the Forum)
- Two containers for water
- Paper towels & rag
- Any reference material or visual ideas you want to use
- Paint Brushes – I prefer square/flat shaped brushes to make sharp edges so a large (1" wide), medium (1/2 " wide), and small (1/4" wide) would be perfect. Also a smaller liner brush would be good as well as some older brushes if you have them to help with mixing paint. Any other brushes you already have may come in handy.
- Paint – any type of acrylic paint you enjoy using. If you are a beginner and are not sure what to use my favourite is the Delta Ceramcoat because of the wide premixed colour options and the smoothness of the finish. You can also try Liquitex acrylic colour which is good for colours that are more difficult to get an even coat such as reds and oranges. For the first class please bring a minimum of black, white and red to start.
- Backing – Stretched canvas is most convenient for application & hanging without having to frame. Smaller canvases (20" or smaller) would be best for starting, any shape would be fine. Often if you buy them in bulk they are less expensive. You can use any canvas supports you're comfortable using. Please bring at least 2 canvases to start.