

ACRYLIC PAINTING BASICS COURSE

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Finding Your Style

Ira Glass on creativity:

*"Nobody tells this to people who are beginners...All of us who do creative work, we get into it because we have good taste. But there is this gap. For the first couple years you make stuff, it's just not that good. It's trying to be good, it has potential, but it's not. But your taste, the thing that got you into the game, is still killer. And your taste is why your work disappoints you. A lot of people never get past this phase, they quit...if you are just starting out or you are still in this phase, you gotta know its normal and **the most important thing you can do is do a lot of work...**You've just gotta fight your way through."*

Skills Needed to Paint with Your Own Voice

Personal Choice of Subject

Command of Art Elements

Understanding of Composition

Process-thinking vs. Outcome-thinking

Focused Approach to Goals

- What skills do you need & where will you get those skills? Create a plan.
- Find learning resources--classes, museums,mentors, internet
- Make space in your life for your goals—mental, physical & time. Work hard.
- Bolster your artistic courage & find support- show your work to other artists, form your own critique group, read about other artists.
- Sketch/paint/journal/arrange flowers/paint with your kids—every day!
- Study work by Master painters (find your Art Ancestors).
- Pursue activities to enhance creativity- music, nature, travel, concerts, museums, galleries.