

Bending Reality: Using Color Schemes and Strategies - Instructor, Patti Mollica

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Homework assignment Week 5:

This week I would like you to do a painting from an image that we have worked from in class, using a palette of colors from a source of your choice.

Some suggestions of how to choose your color scheme: pick up an assortment of paint samples swatches from a hardware store, choose an image from an artist who has used certain colors in their painting that you like, a home decor or fashion magazine photo that features a room or outfit/fabric pattern that has a color scheme you like. Post your color scheme inspiration with your painting(s). You can use any of the paintings we have done in class as your reference image - i.e. cups, seated lady, Flowers, Pears, Central Park Biker, etc. There is an abundance of value sketches posted for you to use as guidelines for any of the images.

Specifics to be aware of:

- Try to have a dominant color in your palette so your painting has a color theme i.e. try to avoid 50/50 red/green or whatever colors you choose. Try to keep your painting either mostly on the warm side - or the cool side. Analyze your color inspiration source and notice if there is a dominance of a certain color(s) and the proportion of that to the other less-dominant or accent colors.
- Notice the proportion of greyed down colors vs. saturated colors in the color inspiration you choose. Are most of the colors bright and saturated? muted and dulled? Mimic this in your painting if possible.

You can paint in whatever style your normally paint in, or if its easier, you can use the mosaic "patchwork" style from last week.

This is not a "final test", no need to stress out or think that whatever you do should be a masterpiece. This is just a chance for you to paint from colors of your own personal choice, and use the whatever lessons in this workshop you found most interesting and applicable to your taste.

I want you to have fun with this!

See you on Facebook :-)

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The following page features some sample artist's palettes, feel free to use any of them as your color inspiration or choose your own.



