

## Reinventing a Cup

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Authentic creativity is not beyond anyone's reach. Learn how to utilize inspiration to boost your creative eye in this simple study of a cup.

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

Index cards or sketchbook  
Canson Art Board  
Gesso  
Scraps of collage papers  
Tracing paper or translucent paper  
Glue stick  
Gel medium or other wet adhesive like Collage Pauge or Mod Podge  
Acrylic paint  
Water Soluble Wax Pastels  
Pencil  
Brushes and scraper (an old credit card, piece of chipboard, etc...)

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Curate inspiration for your cup:

1. Hunt for images of cups that interest you (magazines, websites, stores, Pinterest). If you have a varied cup collection, you can gather inspiration right in your home!
2. Focus on gathering images/items with different handles, bodies and mouths from different angles.

Choose your favorites:

Sketch out your favorite handles, bodies and mouths separately on the index cards/sketchbook.

Prepare the Art board:

Add a quick layer of gesso on the board. (This is a study, so you could skip this step. However, if you plan on painting any of the negative space around the cup, it will be helpful to gesso the surface first.)

Build the cup:

1. Lay out your index cards. Choose a handle, mouth and body randomly. Sketch the body of the cup on the board. Add the handle and mouth. No need for perfection. Make adjustments as desired.
2. Use the tracing paper to trace just the body of the cup. Cut out the traced image.
3. Choose a collage paper for the body of the cup. Position the right side of the traced image on the wrong side of the paper with a dab of glue stick.
4. Cut around the traced image. Remove the tracing paper, and adhere the collage paper body to the board with gel medium.
5. Repeat steps 1-4 as often as you wish.

A step further:

If you'd like to add a more finished look to your study, add some depth and color to the mouth and handle with water-soluble wax pastels and/or paint. You can also give the study a 'still life' look by painting the negative space around the cup.

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