

Quirky Characters by Jodi Ohl



Instructions

- Prime a 6x6 wood substrate with black gesso and allow to dry
- Next, scrape some white paint on to surface to begin a layer of texture and background interest.
- Continue adding interest with scraping tools such as a catalyst wedge or something simpler, such as an old credit card.
- If you'd like to add collage material or stencils, this would be a good place to do so. I like to use a make up sponge to add my stencil work and soft matte medium to adhere the collage material
- Continue to add dabs of paint, swashes of color and more.
- Next, allow that layer to dry. While doing so, you may try sketching some bird/fish/character prior to adding them to the board.
- Once happy with your design, sketch onto your surface with the Jerry's Jumbo Jet Pencil.
- Continue painting, allow some of the previous layers to show through
 - Use your pencils to re-draw lines, add additional patterns, and to give dimension to your character
- Try adding quinacridone nickel azo gold around key facial areas such as the eyes to add depth
- Paint in extra elements such as polka dots, stripes, stars
- Once you are happy with the design, finish it by adding detail work with the fine line applicator

Supplies:

6x6 cradled wood substrates primed with black gesso

Assorted acrylic paints including titanium white, black, titan buff, quinacridone nickel azo gold and a few assorted other favorite colors

Your favorite stamps or stencils

Paint brushes, make up sponges, scraping tools

Soft graphite pencil or a Jerry's Artarama Jumbo Jet pencil

Optional: collage pieces and soft matte gel medium

Fine line applicator filled with carbon black fluid acrylic

Spray water bottle

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