



APS ADVENTURES IN PASTEL 2024

Adventure F-5

“Kitchen Utensils”

This challenge focused on “Kitchen Utensils” and was inspired by the awareness of how most kitchens become the focus of the home in preparation for the holidays. Here the sights, smells, flavors and sounds of the kitchen were your inspiration for this challenge. Thank you all for sharing. *Pull up a chair and enjoy the show!*

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Here is my painting:

Merry Xmas Chopper, Timer, and Trivet

Size 18x16

Pan pastels (Thank you Patricia) and assorted soft pastels and pencils, charcoal underdrawing

Happy Holidays to everyone. Thank you for this subject. I love my time in the kitchen.

My daughter gave me the black cat Studio Ghibli like timer that I adore.

My husband gave me my mixer and food processor 14 years ago. The salesperson said I would love the KitchenAid chopper as well. So Bud got me the chopper and I used it mercilessly! I replaced it after someone used it as a coffee bean grinder. I love the new one even more... Gift to myself was the ceramic trivet I got in the Artisenal shop in Hendersonville.

Altogether, gifts of great memories..

Kathy Amspacher
Hendersonville, NC



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"Spilled Fruit"

9" x 5.75"

Claire Benton
Riverview, FL



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“Main Ingredients”

9x12

Getting ready to make cookies. They always seem to taste better when I use my trusty old green (1960’s I think) Fire-King. I enjoyed this adventure and it also reminded me that ordinary household objects can also be great subjects for paintings.

Jane Best
Morganton, NC



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Title: “The Workhorse of the Kitchen”

Size: 7 1/2” square

I like the negative shapes created when I crop an image close to the margins but also all the curves in this piece appeal to me.

This was done on Australian Grey Colorfix ,which is actually a warm fleshy colored sanded paper, and a variety of pastels.

Deborah Chase
Rutherfordton, NC



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I didn't intend to do something like this, but after I collected everything to make the pie I decided it might make an interesting still life painting. So after several drawings I started painting. It may not be the greatest, but it has been fun. The hardest part was the lettering. I included a picture of the pie so you know I really did bake the pie. It's apple pie made with MacIntosh apples. The best.

I call the painting Pie Making. It's on a 10 x 10 Ampersand Board. I used a variety of pastels. I used a hard pastel which was Faber Castell. Rembrandt, Unison and Great American were the others.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year. See you on zoom. 😊

Nancy Clausen
Swannanoa, N.C.



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Great challenge!

This is an imagined setup. From my days as an illustrator: I did a value sketch idea then studied each piece before adding it to the design. It was fun to pull it together. Starting with a cream 12 x 9 La Carte Pastel Card I used Pan Pastels in the base. Then I piled on a variety of soft pastels, occasionally using a bristle brush to refresh an area.

Thanks as always!

“Don’t Forget the Parsley”

Diane de Grasse
Black Mountain, NC



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"Going Natural" 10x8"

I rarely paint with so many browns! Between greens and browns, what are you all at APS doing to me??!! But this was fun. From a photo of wooden utensils hanging in a store window, I played with the bouncing light and shapes to create this. I like doing the Adventures because it challenges me to do things, take approaches, consider subjects, that I would not normally do.

Terrilynn Dubreuil TravelingArtista.com
Asheville, NC



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Greetings,

My piece, 5 1/2”x9” is on Colorfix Burnt Umber. I used a mix of nupastel to block it in, then Terry Ludwig soft pastels. The name is “Making Lemonade”. Another great Adventure.

Happy holidays,

Will Evans
Fairview, NC



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Title: Egg on Toast

Size: 9x12

I always enjoy the challenges you send. I did this on Canson paper with soft pastels. My nephew, & I really like to have breakfast for dinner!

Pat Fenda
Tampa, FL



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Title- Why Bother

Size 6" x 6"-ish

Mi Tientes gray paper with pastel pencils

Allow me to present the wrong way to approach any pastel painting. I was attempting to get some idea of the perspective for this idea. I only had access to pastel pencils and pastel paper. I ran out of time at this point and thought about not sending anything but I didn't want to miss a challenge entry.

Kathy Hutchinson

Rutherfordton, NC



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My choice of a kitchen utensil is the corkscrew. I always thought the bottle/wine opener was an interesting shape. I love the curl of the corkscrew. I played around with the shapes and came up with a colorful repeating design. I used shading to give depth to the shapes and experimented with overlapping strokes of color in the negative spaces.

It's my twist on drawing a kitchen utensil!
Enjoyed this challenge! Thank you.

Lynn Jackson
Brevard, NC



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Size 9x12 pastel on white ground

One of 3 attempts ...I was given these 2 cups and wanted to paint them, I think I spent more time in arranging than painting..

It was a good exercise, thank you and Seasons greetings to you'all !

Margaret Lyn-Soroken
Black Mountain, NC



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November challenge

Quick Study... Spooning

Mixed pastels on black Uart

Very quick study

Linda Medders-Jackson
Cross, SC



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The Dinner Bell

6 x 5.5

On grey toned Strathmore drawing paper

Pastel pencils and hard nu pastels

After taking photos of various kitchen utensils, I came upon this newly acquired bell which we bought for my upcoming surgery to be used to summons my Honey. It has a nice ring to it.

Then I thought to myself with a chuckle, this can also be used to announce "Dinner is Ready".

I sketched a small color study 6 x 5.5 using pastel pencils and nu pastel. It was challenging to create the shadows and highlights using my pencils. If I upgrade to a larger size I will probably use a different background color or set up.

The Bell was interesting to paint.

I enjoyed the challenge.

Meryl Meyer

Weaverville, NC



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So glad the Adventures have resumed. They are fun to look forward to. I had trouble picking a view in my very messy and busy kitchen, but when I put the kettle on, it dawned on me. So, here's my submission:

Title: Put on the Kettle

Size: 12 x 13.5”

Paper: Pastelmat

Pastels: Nupastels, Unison, Blue Earth

Thank you for managing the adventures!

Happy Holidays,

Pat Quigley
Norristown, PA



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In preparation for this adventure, I walked into my kitchen to see what I could paint and all I could see were boxes of Harry and David’s gold wrapped pears. These were to be my Christmas gifts for my friends.

Since I had no intention of cooking I just couldn’t focus on utensils, instead choosing to paint what was before my eyes. I flattened the gold wrapping from the pears, glued it down to a substrate, and then coated it with clear gesso. The result is my tribute to my Christmas gifts from my kitchen to my friends From Harry and David. The gold wrapping shows through just fine!

Carol Rollick

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

