

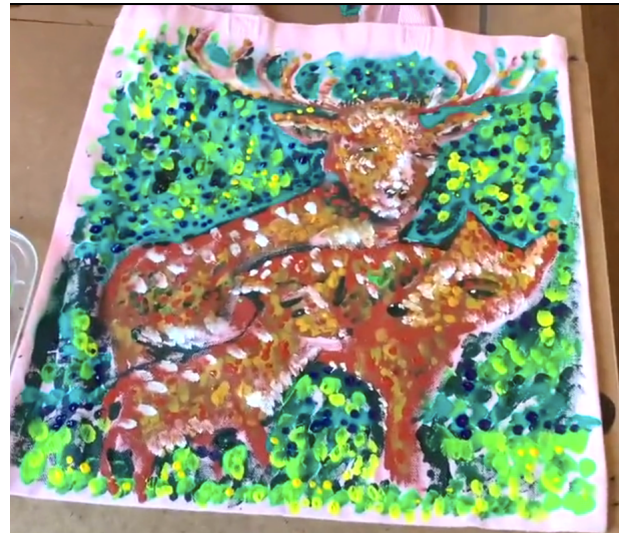
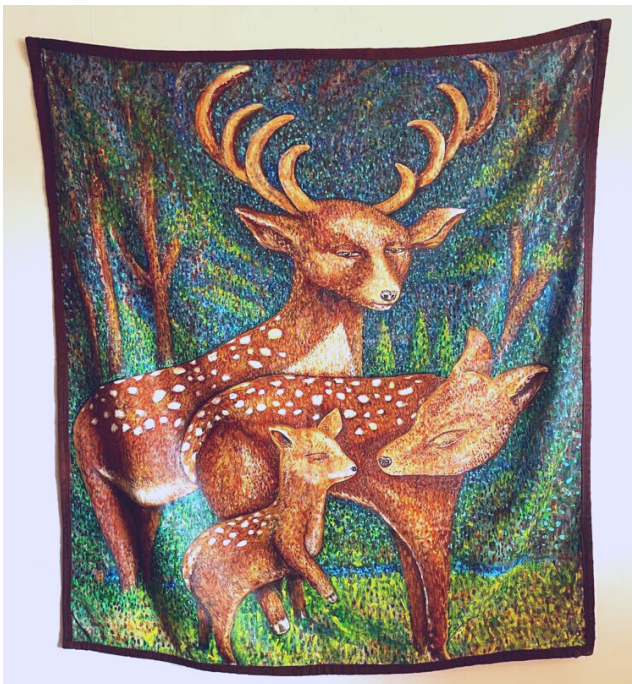
MIMETIC PAINTINGS

WITH RAUL BALTAZAR

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INTRODUCTION

Being an artist means finding inspiration all around us! Find an object in your house - this can be a toy, a photograph, or anything that you think is interesting - and create a painting inspired by it.



Painting inspired by a blanket
by Raul Baltazar

MATERIALS

- An object to inspire your painting
- T-shirt, napkin or any plain cloth*
- Marker or pencil
- Acrylic paint*
- Paint brushes
- Palette - any surface to mix your paint
- Water cup

*You can also do this project on paper and use tempera paint!

STEPS

- 1 Pick a special object that you want to paint. This can be a toy, photograph, or anything you find in your home.
- 2 Set your object in front of you so you can look at it while you paint.
- 3 Draw the outline of your object. Fill in your shapes with paint. Start with the biggest shapes and dark **values** first.
- 4 Fill in the background colors of your painting. TIP - use lighter **values** in the **foreground** of your painting to add more depth!
- 5 Add in details! Try adding layers of dots to create texture and show where the shadows are. Let this layer of paint dry.
- 6 Outline your object in a darker color to make it stand out
- 7 Use white or light colors to add **highlights** to your painting

VOCABULARY

depth- how deep or three-dimensional a painting looks.

foreground - the first shapes that appear in front of a picture.

highlight - the area in your painting that reflects the most light.

mimetic - finding a new way to represent something that already exists in the world.

value - how dark or light a certain color is. You can use the same color in different parts of your painting and change the value by adding white or black.

REFLECTIONS

How is your painting similar or different to the original object?

What did you notice when you were painting this object that you hadn't seen before?

What are some decisions you made in your painting that make it unique?

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