**TOOLS & MATERIALS for Decorated Letters**

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**Big Picture:** Through a series of creative exercises, you will design decorated letters on tracing paper and transfer to Twinrocker handmade paper. Working small to medium rather than larger – ballpark 6x8 – 8x10. Tools & materials, multiple pencil sketches through several creative exercises, color experiments and onto a final. Gouache will be introduced. I will go over the use of glair with gouache and touch on the simpler imitation and genuine gold techniques. Small handmade papers (circles, hearts, squares, rectangles) will be for sale. A packet of handouts will be provided for a small $5-10 fee.

**Drawing & Painting Supplies:**

**Brushes** (WN Series 7 or Miniature 7, sizes  1, 0, 00)  **or equivalent.** Kolinsky hair

**Broad-edged Pen Holder & Nibs**, Mitchell or other (NIBS: 6, 5, 4, 3, 3.5, 2.5)

(or other small pen nibs you have on hand) Or pointed pen, if you prefer.

**Gouache** – (opaque) at least 3 colors in tubes, plus WN Zinc White and

**Gold metallic gouache** – Schminke (Gold Pearl) or Fine Tech (one pan or 5)

**Mixing pans** – 6-pan tray or favorite mixing pans for gouache/watercolor. I prefer the porcelain “flower” with 7 spaces to mix (Hobby Lobby).

**Gum Arabic –** powdered or liquid

**Ruling pen** (traditional type) to use with **6” ruler (or larger) with a raised edge**

**Ruler** – whatever you have with raised edge. Small 6-12”

**Paper** – I will have Twinrocker handmade papers for sale. Bring if you have it.

Arches HP, small pieces, if you want additional paper to experiment

**Tracing paper for sketching – Clearprint Design Vellum (is my fav)**

**Saral paper** (transfer paper-graphite color) Fine Ball point pen needed to transfer

**Drawing pencil** (HB lead), pencil sharpener if your pencil is not an automatic

**Scissors – to cut down paper**

**Eraser** – Mars Staedtler (my fav)

**Water container** – to rinse brushes

Water **DROPPER BOTTLE**

**Paint rag** or paper towels

Portable Drawing Board – optional

PASTELS – If we have one box of pastels we could share, for a simple technique that helps your gouache pop…on handmade paper.

**BRING SMALL INTERESTING OBJECTS that appeal to you:**

**3 small decorative objects for idea starters ….a favorite piece of jewelry, a sea shell, small frame with a border, fabric with pattern you like, etc.**

**BRING: Capital letter/Versal outlines that you would like to work with…find on-line or in a lettering book. I will provide some examples for you, as well.**

**CONSIDER: How will you use these decorated letters? With a quote? Initials?**

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Questions about the supply list?

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