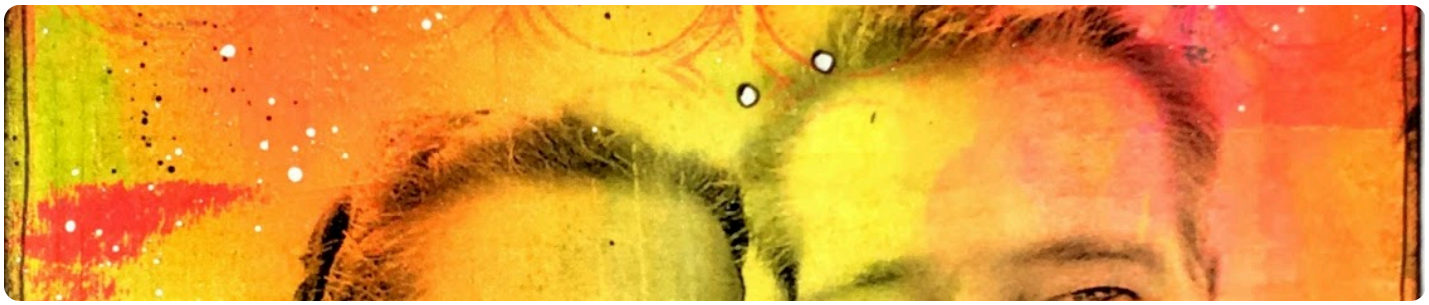
GELLI ARTS® CLASSROOM LESSON PLAN

GRADES 9 TO 12

IMAGE TRANSFERRING

with Birgit Koopsen



STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO

- demonstrate the ability to hand transfer images

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

- How can students transfer images from one paper to the other with the use of brayers and gelli plates?

MATERIALS

- [ ] Gelli Arts® 8×10 Gel Printing Plate gelliarts.com
- [ ] Acrylic paints gelliarts.com
- [ ] Brayer gelliarts.com
- [ ] Found objects as texture tools gelliarts.com
- [ ] Homemade texture rollers gelliarts.com
- [ ] Watercolor paper
- [ ] Laser prints or photo copies of your photographs (not inkjet)
- [ ] Gel medium
- [ ] Soft brush
- [ ] Bank or gift card
- [ ] Paper towels
- [ ] Baby wipes
- [ ] Bowl of water
- [ ] Completed Gelli Arts® backgrounds

NOTES FOR THIS CLASS

STEP BY STEP

PART 1: CREATING BACKGROUNDS

1 First, pick your colors. If you want your prints to be bright and vibrant, stay away from dark colors like black, dark blue, dark green. Add neon colors for extra vibrancy.

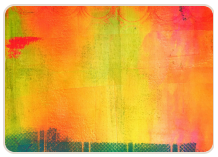


2 Then, decide which tools you want to use to create marks, patterns, and textures. You can make your own rollers by covering toilet paper rolls with bubble wrap, punchinella, and self-adhesive craft foam. You can also use found objects, such as the inside of a chocolate box or other packing material. Don't forget to use your favorite stamps and stencils!

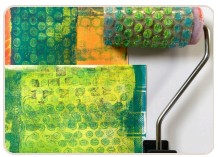


3 Make a stack of colorful and vibrant backgrounds using watercolor paper, which is the perfect paper for image transfers. Start with color only, no patterns yet.

4 Start by covering your backgrounds with 2 or 3 light colors like yellow, pink, and orange and then later add patterns in darker colors, this way you will keep the light colors vibrant.



5 Once you have a nice stack of printed papers, move on to doing patterns, marks, and texture, but make sure to leave some spaces open for the image transfers.



PART 2: BEAUTIFUL IMAGE TRANSFERS ON GELLI ARTS® GEL PRINTED BACKGROUNDS

6 Pick one of your favorite backgrounds.

7 Cut out the picture you want to use.

8 Apply a thin layer of matte medium to both the background and the right side of the picture.

9 Place the picture, right side down on the background.

10 Use the bank card to remove any excess matte medium and air bubbles from the picture.

11 Let it dry! Use your patience!

12 Once the background is dry, use water and your fingers to rub away all the paper from the photo.

13 Finally, cover the image with a thin layer of matte medium.







