



## The Gouache Files: How to combine gouache painting with collage in a pattern inspired artwork

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**The Gouache Files: How to combine gouache painting with collage in a pattern inspired artwork:** Welcome to "The Gouache Files," a series focusing on the dynamic fusion of gouache and collage art.

Gouache is an incredibly versatile medium that contributes generously to various artistic endeavors. This class will explore the exciting possibilities of combining acrylic gouache with collage techniques. I'll guide you through creating decorative collage papers and offer insights into finding inspiration from diverse sources.

**Here's what we'll cover in this class:**

- Materials and tools needed for the project.
- Techniques for creating unique decorative collage paper.
- Inspiration sources and advice.
- Exercises combining collage and paint.
- Tips for creating a color plan.
- Subject matter and layout ideas.
- Exploring semi-abstract art through an intuitive approach.
- A bonus lesson on turning your artwork into personalized greeting cards.

I'll walk you through the materials and tools required for the project, ensuring you can approach it with basic supplies you may already have. You'll learn how to create one-of-a-kind papers for collage using tools like a Gelli plate and everyday household items.

Inspiration plays a crucial role in the creative process, so I'll share where I find mine and offer guidance on building your reference library of ideas. We'll delve into color planning and transforming reference photos into unique designs for semi-abstract artwork inspired by patterns. The paint and collage exercises are enjoyable and serve as a springboard for creating your final artwork. Additionally, I'll demonstrate how to use these exercises to inspire greeting card designs.

This class suits everyone, whether you're a beginner or an experienced artist looking to explore new mediums and techniques. By the end of the class, you'll have a deeper understanding of acrylic gouache, numerous methods for creating collage papers, confidence in mixing different mediums, and a wealth of inspiration for future projects.



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