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Growing out of her popular online workshops and videos, *Mixed-Media Girls with Suzi Blu* takes you step by step through the process of drawing a folk art and stylized girl's face. You will learn to create simple, balanced features and add shading with colored pencils and paint. From there, you will learn how to draw the rest of the figure and put it into a unique, textured, mixed-media background.

- Learn to design costumes and personalities for your girls and adapt them to fit your own artistic style.
- Create vivid, exciting backgrounds by layering paint, collaging with fabric, carving beeswax, distressing wood, and building up texture with mediums and pastes.
- And the accompanying online videos include a mini workshop full of whimsical mayhem, motivation, and real-time video with Suzi Blu, showing you detailed drawing and shading techniques for faces, beeswax finishes, and how to make a mixed-media art journal start to finish.

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Nancy Palmer says

How fun and inspiring is Suzi Blu? I'm so happy that she has produced this book. My son and I always waited eagerly for her new youtube videos to come out, and now we have a Suzi DVD of our own. So many times I've been sketching (or working with watercolor, or crayon, or colored pencil) in public, and had a woman stop to watch me, smile and say sadly, "I wish..." Or "I can't even draw a straight line..." It's so distressing, to know that there's this message out there that if you're not perfect, you can't make art. Suzi is the antidote to that. She lets you know that YOU ARE ALREADY AN ARTIST. And that's a beautiful thing.

Target audience matters: if you want to make photorealistic art, or sci-fi robots, this is not for you. If you believe that art should be pain, then this book isn't for you. Also, it helps to have a basic understanding of color theory... This book doesn't give you all the foundational tools you'll want eventually, but for people (and especially women) who've had the creativity scared out of them, Suzi Blu is a good guide on your path back to the understanding that art can be fun. Tis book gets a 5 star because Suzi believes in the power of picking up the pencil and beginning.

What could be better: I'd like to see more genetic diversity in the next book; I find that to be the case with many art books. Aside from the importance of encouraging a wider range of artists, my experience is that many people are really scared of painting skin tones that aren't straight out of a tube. I know Suzi could help them with this: her specialty is not being afraid to try, and to mess up, and try again.

Cristina says

Great introduction to the art journal world. Helpful instruction on how to draw and color with mixed media. Read this book cover to cover when I bought it. Came with a DVD, which I also enjoyed.

Jenni says

Definitely going to finish this book. I only read 35 pages out of 128, but it gave me some inspiration for my art. Going to do a reservation on this in my local library again soon.

Deborah says

Excellent source for painting techniques in the world of mixed-media. The techniques can be used in other forms other than painting people. After reading this book, I have more ideas for cards, ATCs and art journal pages. Also, I learned about art products that I wasn't aware of or how to use.

Julie says

Loved it! Great for beginner or advanced artists. She shares her techniques for her fun and quirky art. Great for art or journal projects.

Rikelle says

I've been a fan of Suzi's quirky style for a long time. The book does a good job in explaining her process and techniques. However, where the book really excels is in her unique brand of motivation. Reading the book just made me happy and inspired and filled with desire to create.

Kimmie Hogan says

Suzi Blu is a fun, talented quirky artist who takes you into her whimsical and colorful world of art with this book.

She is every artist champion and believes we are all artists at heart and gives us fun and easy to follow step by step tutorials to help you create and design cute whimsical folk art girls. She shows you how to make each of these designs your own, and how to paint and color them.

This book also comes with DVD-ROM that you can pop in your computer and follow along.

Tracy Shave says

Suzi Blu will inspire you with her art, (and then go find your own style of course...) and she will entertain you with her quirky videos. She is a wonderful human being! Totally recommend this book and you can go back to it whenever you want cheering up too!

Marilyn says

I did not make any. But I really liked the color and jazzy style and funky look. nice luncheon book

Daisy Dandelion says

Fun book. Great style. Easy to follow directions.

Melita says

I've been waiting a long time for Suzi's book. I LOVE it! The included video is especially helpful. Looking forward to lots more Suzi, Gigi and Finney.

Lesley says

This book is wonderful! Suzi Blu writes really well and explains Mixed Media really well. I sat and read this book in one sitting and after that it was over to make girls. With Suzi's help I managed it.....loved it tbh
