



Finding Inspiration

Where do you get your inspiration from? I've been asked this questions many times! Do you ever sit down to "doodle" with your paints, only to find yourself feeling creatively "stuck?" It happens to the best of us, but there are many ways to jump start your creativity and get yourself lost in your artwork again. I find inspiration from so many sources! We all know that there are many places to find face painting inspiration: Facebook groups, face painting magazines and books, Pinterest, etc. However, if you expand your search beyond just face painting specific sources, you just might be surprised how much inspiration you will find! In this issue I am going to share some of the many unique places I find inspiration.

Greeting Cards

This design above was inspired by a birthday card that I received last month! The next time you go shopping for a birthday card for Grandma, take an extra look through the greeting card

aisle. You'll find everything from cute kids' cartoony characters, to beautiful wildlife illustrations.

Stickers

I love exploring the sticker aisle at my local craft stores! Stickers can provide some fantastic ideas for simple, colorful, and cute cheek art ideas and designs that can be incorporated into full face designs.

Google

A simple Google Image search can give you TONS of ideas. I like to search for subjects by adding the word "illustration" or "cartoon" to my search terms when looking for clean, graphic ideas. You can also search for other styles by adding "clip art" or "design" to your subject term.

Clothing

I can't tell you how many times I've seen a child walk by with a cute illustration on his or her shirt, and jumped for

my sketch-book!



Books

I'm not talking about face painting books here, although I would of course highly recommend my new one stroke book! (shameless plug, I know, but hey, this is my newsletter, right?) ;-) I have a collection of non-face painting books about graffiti art, tattoos, Celtic designs, Henna designs, Antique illustrations, textile design, Japanese painting, graphic design, and more. Visit my blog and search the words "book inspiration" to see posts of things I have done with my book collection!

The next time you find yourself in a creative slump, try one of these sources of inspiration. Pick something that jumps out at you, and try painting your own version! You'd be surprised what awesome face painting designs may spring from it!

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NOW SHIPPING!

Our NEW Book, "One Stroke Face Painting," is now shipping! This book is the result of over a year of hard work and is absolutely a labor of love. I am humbled and overwhelmed by the response to this book! My first print run sold out within two weeks, and I am now well into my second shipment. I am also pleased to announce that the incredible folks at Illusion Magazine will be distributing the book to Europe and Australia, and they are now taking pre-orders on their website!

When I got into one strokes, I was disappointed to find that there were NO books on the market about this subject. So, I set to work creating my own! This book begins by explaining many foundations of one-stroke techniques, such as loading a brush, loading a sponge, stencil techniques, making your own split and sushi cakes, basic strokes and troubleshooting. It also covers other must-have face painting skills, such as double-dip flower petals, lighting, linework and teardrops.

The rest of the book is packed with full color photos of 40 step-by-step designs! The first twenty are cheek art designs, which can also easily be adapted into full face, eye or forehead designs. The remaining twenty are full face designs. No matter what your skill level, this book has designs to fit where you

are at, and those to help you stretch and grow.

While there are simple designs that even a total beginner can tackle, the book also includes more difficult designs to practice and master! And to further challenge yourself as you get better, many of the designs have suggestions of ideas to elaborate on them. This book will inspire you to try new designs, and make them your own! Purchase it today within the US for \$25.00 on Paintertainment.com, or if you are in Europe or Australia, pre-order a copy from Illusion-magazine.co.uk! You can also stop by my blog for more photos of the inside of the book.

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