

Jointed Paper Dolls - Cynthia Thornton

Materials:

Watercolor paper
Tracing paper
Transfer sheet
Pencil
Watercolor from Daniel Smith
Gouache
Waterbrush
Scissors
Brads
Uniball Signo white pigment pen
Palette for mixing colors

Instructions:

1. Start with a sketch of the subject, roughing in how you want the doll to look completed. Then, outline the pieces of the doll, focusing in on the joints.
2. Use tracing paper to outline parts separately.
3. Transfer outlines of parts onto watercolor paper with a light box, or sunny window.
4. Start with watercolor washes and block out colors of pieces.
5. When dry, use gouache to accent the highlights and shadows.
6. Use pens and markers to add details.
7. Punch holes for the brads using a push pin.
8. Cut out the pieces.
9. Darken edges of pieces with a marker to cover white cut edges, this gives the piece more dimension.
10. Assemble and place into frame.

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