

artists among us

Leah Creates

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Please describe yourself as an artist in a sentence or two: I'm an abstract expressive painter. My main medium is acrylic on canvas.

How did you choose your medium? I fell in love with acrylic paints in college because I found it easy to work with and so versatile.

From where do you draw inspiration? Nature and my surroundings - a sunrise on a run, flowers in a jar at a café, a thriving house plant.

What do you feel makes your work unique and truly your own? I paint from the heart. My artwork has movement, energy and a compelling use of color.



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What is your creative process like? Do you have a daily routine you adhere to? I have to work out in the morning. It makes me happy and makes me feel ready for the rest of my day. I try to either create something or learn something every day - even if it is just a sketch or jotting down ideas for paintings. I am old school and use a paper planner. I like to set weekly goals so that I know what I want to focus on each week with my art.

What is the most challenging part about being a painter? Staying motivated and not getting discouraged.

What is the most satisfying part of painting for you? When I get into a state of flow and the rest of the world melts away - it is so invigorating. To feel my brain thinking in different ways. It is special to create something from my head that wasn't there before.

What lessons have you learned that you wish you knew when you began painting? I learned that sometimes cheap brushes are the best.

What's the coolest art tip you've ever received? My art professor in college taught me to try to mix a lot of your own colors rather than just buying exact colors and using them straight out of the tube. It looks more handcrafted and unique when you mix your own colors.

What advice would you give to young people interested in pursuing their own artistic passion? Keep creating and learning and putting yourself out there - submit to shows, look for opportunities, post your work online.



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