

SKETCHBOOK ADVENTURES

Introduction to the Prompts

Now that you've explored several different techniques like watercolor, hand lettering, stamping, image transfers, mixed media collage and drawing, it's time to put those skills to use in your sketchbook. The previous chapters didn't just explain these techniques, but also offered exercises for you to try them out. If you sped through the chapters without trying out the techniques, I suggest going back and doing the tutorials. The point of the exercises is not just for you to have a better understanding of how to use these methods, but also to determine which ones appeal to you.

Rather than tell you step-by-step exactly how to create a page just like mine, the next 31 prompts are designed for you to interpret based on the techniques you've learned. It's not about copying what I did. Instead it's about you using the prompts to create something that expresses your own style, artistic inclinations and perspective on your life and the world.



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Each prompt has at least one example from my own sketchbook. Some of the examples are from recent sketchbooks, but I show examples from some of my older sketchbooks so you can see different styles and alternate ways of interpreting the exercise. In the first prompt I have two examples. The first example is a combination of hand lettering, collage, drawing and image transfers. The second example uses only drawing and hand lettering. You don't have to use all or more than one or even any of the techniques we covered in the previous chapters on your sketchbook pages. I shared these methods with you so you'd be able to use them if you want to. If you prefer doing all your pages with only collage or just using a pen, DO IT! If you want to try to do exactly what I did, go ahead. I can almost guarantee that your page will look different from mine since we each come to the prompt with a different history, skillset and goal (and that's a good thing).

The prompts are designed to be jumping off points to inspire you to use the techniques that speak to you to convey your unique vision and artistic style.

Let's get started!

