

# EMERALD & VIOLET

. INSPIRATION! .  
Sprinkle Sunshine into your Life !



There is nothing like looking at COLOR & Flowers to make you feel uplifted. This picture captures yellow & violet selections at a Flower Market in Amsterdam. Just looking at them on this gray January day makes me feel like there is a hopeful tomorrow ahead.

We are so lucky to have the Internet that allows us to browse the world and explore any topic we can imagine. Take a virtual trip to Amsterdam, or wherever you dream of traveling, and let your mind wander!

. ART .

Watercolor Flowers !!



These Watercolor Flowers are SO easy to create. I have hosted several classes and the results are always a lovely surprise. Take watercolor paper and freely apply water and your favorite colors. Create layers, blurred designs, splatter and go a little wild. Once the paper is dry, cut out petals of any size and shape you prefer and layer them on top of one another until you are pleased with the results. Glue them together and you have a three dimensional flower. You can apply wire to the back and create a single stem. [Instructions are on my Website.] You are then able to create a bouquet of lovely watercolor flowers. These are so fun to do with children as they have the ability to truly create abstract fun!

[LINK to DIY Kid's Projects](#)

. INTERIOR DESIGN .

## Soft Creamy Yellow !



The perfect palette for sweet charm!  
This space works really well because:

- The soft, dreamy yellow is very serene & calm. It is warm, bringing the essence of a little sun into this updated & cheerful kitchen.
- A number of colors could be combined with this yellow; however, the soft mint green is giving a nod to a more historical time period.
- Note the quirky Rolling Pin handle on the side cabinet. This detail, along with the stainless steel make for an Eclectic & unusual mix of styles.

. PAPER FLOWERS .  
Create your own sunny garden !



These are 'Painted Iris' Flower Petals. I love making these flowers because they are totally creative. You have the ability to add pastel color to the petals and the centers. Done in soft YELLOW, they make me feel like Spring is going to arrive soon! At least it can feel that way when you make your own bouquet to brighten your home or a personalized gift for someone special!!

[Link to Paper Flower Instructions](#)

. PAINTED FURNITURE .  
Simple Updated Style !



Imagine this very beautiful china cabinet as it was originally... all wood. Very dark and overpowering. Updating it with this soft, creamy yellow brings it into the design sensibility of today. It is almost effervescent and glowing with optimism. Interior cabinet areas are painted white, a perfect background for your precious china & collectables.

[LINK to Painted Furniture](#)

With my every best wish...



As you know, I always like to find a personal picture to share with you that incorporates our color of the week. This was the best one I could find of me wearing YELLOW. Here I am along with my Mother, in mint green, my Dad & my Aunt Betty. [We look like we are representing a pastel color palette!!] We were visiting my Aunt at her home in California. We captured this picture twelve years ago before we said our last farewell. We always had fun travelling with my Mom & Dad... they were always up for any activity!

I hope you have the chance to visit, at least 'virtually' with you friends & family. We have to love the technology that allows us to keep in touch with loved ones.

Please try to keep your focus on the bright details of life. Find that special picture that brings back a great memory & hold on to it!



This message was created before the tragic events at our Capitol this past week. I wanted to add another thought. I found this picture... of the Capitol, gleaming in a soft yellow light. Beautiful. Peaceful.

Through my Studio I have met hundreds of amazing people and I have not known the political opinions of most; yet, I believe we all desire lives that are abundant with health & happiness. I can truly say that I cherish and respect each person that has come through my door.

I understand that our Country has many challenges ahead. May we all be hopeful that we can come together, discuss our concerns, and strive to fix & heal anything that is ahead of us.

I want everything that is good in this World for each of you. With my every best wish... Barbara

## **EMERALD & VIOLET STUDIO**

We are all about Art, Color & Design!!!

I am working on creating classes that I will be able to share with you online, via Zoom or another method. I'll be in touch as soon as I have it all developed.

Until then take good care, be well & stay healthy!

A LINK to our Website:

**Hours:**  
Currently closed...

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