



# Studio Success Kit

HELPING YOU CULTIVATE CREATIVITY,  
CONNECTION, AND CONFIDENCE THROUGH ART



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# Welcome!

WE ARE SO HAPPY  
YOU'RE HERE!

Whether your family is brand new to art or you've got creative kids who are always doodling, painting, & crafting, this space was created with you in mind.

You don't need to be an artist to guide your children in creativity. You don't need fancy supplies, long blocks of time, or even a clean kitchen table. All you need is the willingness to begin.

Inside this kit, you'll find helpful tips, trackers, and encouragement to make art a simple and joy-filled part of your home-school week. Even if life is busy (and it always is!), I hope this gives you confidence and peace of mind to know: you're doing enough.

Art is not just another subject—it's a lifeline to joy, self-expression, and beauty.

Helping you create beautiful memories with your kids,

*Alisha & Olivia*



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# Why Art Matters

Making time for creativity each week has benefits that go far beyond a pretty picture.

*Art can help your children discover who they are and the innate gifts they possess.*

Through the artistic process, kids and teens can spread their wings and even soar as they discover their gifts and talents, and ultimately, who they really are.

Here are even more reasons why art is important for kids and teens:

## Art allows your kids and teens to...

- Explore their feelings and emotions
- Reconcile conflicts
- Become more self-aware
- Manage and improve behavior
- Develop their artistic skills
- Improve their mental health
- Reduce stress and anxiety
- Gain self-confidence
- Increase self-esteem
- Improve their sense of well-being
- Think outside the box
- Express themselves creatively
- Improve performance in other areas
- Achieve personal insight
- Receive tremendous pleasure

No matter your child's personality or learning style, art invites them into beauty, truth, and goodness in a tangible, soul-nourishing way.

# Plan for Success!

Now that you know just how awesome art is for your kids (and you, by the way) let's get to planning!

Whether you want a structured plan in which your kids will learn about the great master artists, training in various art techniques, or advanced lessons in the classical mediums for your teens, or whether you simply want your entire family to enjoy creating and have the freedom of art exploration, this planner will help for you!

Put on some classical music, light a few candles, grab yourself a cuppa and a pen, and let's get started...

## Questions to Consider:

### 1. What do you want to accomplish this year?

*(Examples: establishing a regular art study, a general art education, knowledge of art history plus recreating the works of the great master artists, learning how to mix different media, exploring the classical art media and techniques on a more advanced level, etc.)*

2. What are the ages of your children?

3. Will you be doing art together as a family, or do you have a wide range of ages that would work better individually?

4. How often do you want to do art? Weekly? Bi-weekly? Monthly? Small projects multiple times a week?

*(Remember, your schedule will change constantly, so feel free to switch things up! Make art and creativity a part of your lifestyle. The most important thing is to be consistent and don't get overwhelmed.)*

5. Do you have a designated day when you'll do art?

*(Write it in your main homeschool planner or calendar now.)*

6. Do you have a designated area where you will do art?

## 7. Do you have all the art supplies your kids will need?

*(Check the Masterpiece Society Studio Calendar for a list of suggested lessons for the month or determine the ones your family would like to do first, then add the supplies you'll need to your shopping list. See pages 38 and 39 of this planner for a general supply list.)*

## 8. How will you organize your art supplies so that they don't take over your home? Where will you keep them? Are they easily accessible?

## 9. How will you display your kids (& your) artwork?

*(Write it in your main homeschool planner or calendar now.)*

## 10. What will you study in your homeschool over the next few months? Can you incorporate some art lessons with those studies?

*(Examples: Nature walks – seasonal art courses, History – the artists that lived and created during that time or the art era, Literature – LiterARTure lessons, etc.)*

**11. What holidays do you celebrate? Check out our planning calendar of suggested traditional + weird holidays in the next section.**

**12. What family birthdays or special occasions are coming up?**

*(Art makes wonderful cards and gifts!)*

**13. What are your child(ren)'s interests?**

*(Examples: animals, nature, flowers, faces, etc.)*

**14. What art mediums are your older kids and teens interested in learning?**

*(Examples: charcoal, watercolors, acrylics, oil pastels, etc.)*

**15. Which famous artist(s) or art eras would you like to learn more about this year?**

**16. Do you have an art museum nearby that you can visit? If so, do they have “homeschool days”? Why not invite a few homeschooling families and take a field trip for the day?**

*(Write down the one(s) you know of, as well as families you'd like to invite.)*

Phew! You did it! Now it's time to excuse yourself for half an hour, and create this month's *Masterpiece Moms* art project.

You are well on your way to instilling a love of art, beauty, and creativity even in the midst of your crazy, busy life! And make sure you set the example for your kids by taking time for yourself to create on a regular basis.

*You deserve it!*

Anytime you begin to feel overwhelmed, just make an adjustment in your schedule.

The beauty of the *Masterpiece Society Studio* is that you can simply gather the needed art supplies, log into the site, and we'll teach your kids for you. Although younger ones may need a little help, you can train your older kids to work on their own, giving you a much-needed break or time to help out another child.

You've just put your art lessons on cruise-control.

# Basic Art Supply List

On a tight budget? Here's a list of the good, better, and best art supplies to add more to your stash as you can.

*\* Prices listed are current at the time of publication.*

## **GOOD = \$25**

### **Walmart:**

- Bee Inspired 9x12 watercolor pad (50 sheets, 140 lb) **\$10.97**
- Apple Barrel acrylic paints (\$0.50 ea) buy 10: (Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Pink, Purple, White, Black, Brown) **\$5.00 for 10**
- Crayola Watercolor Set **\$2.47**
- Royal Langnickel brush set (10 pc set) **\$5.28**
- Foam brushes **\$0.94**
- School glue **\$0.50**

**TOTAL: \$25.16**

## **BETTER = \$50**

### **Amazon:**

- Canson watercolor pad (30 sheets, 140 lb) **\$9.14**
- Brush set (20-pc) **\$5.99**
- Charcoal pencil set **\$6.41**
- Mod Podge **\$6.98**
- Sharpie Paint Pen - Water based **\$5.80**

### **Walmart:**

- Folk Art acrylic paints set **\$10.67**
- Crayola Watercolor Set **\$2.47**
- Ultra-Fine Sharpie **\$1.97**

**TOTAL: \$49.43**

## **BEST**

Add the following to your "better" stash as you *need* them & as you can afford them:

### **Amazon:**

- Liquitex Classics student grade acrylics **\$26.99**
- Prima Watercolor Set **\$21.68**
- Canvas panels (8x10) **\$14.44**
- Micron Sakura Pigma (6 set) **\$13.05**
- Oil Pastels **\$20.50**


# Supplies to Corral

Gather these supplies from around the house:

- Scissors
- Old book pages or decorative scrapbooking papers
- Magazine clippings, tissue paper or old sewing patterns
- Bubble wrap and/or punchinella or shelf liner
- Brightly-colored card stock or construction paper
- Paper or Styrofoam plate
- Masking or painter's tape
- Aluminum foil
- Old gift/credit card
- Baby wipes
- Stamps & ink pads
- Old T-shirt for smock
- Craft paper or newspaper or plastic to cover workspace
- Printer & paper

# Where Do I Start?

- 1 Log into your Masterpiece Society Studio account
- 2 Choose your child's age group or browse by theme
- 3 Pick one art lesson for this week (keep it simple!)
- 4 Gather your art supplies
- 5 Press play and let us do the teaching!
- 6 Display your child's art or tuck it in a portfolio
- 7 Celebrate their creativity (and yours too!)

 *Tip: You don't have to complete a full course. Just choose one video to enjoy together!*

# Creative Celebrations

There's sooo much artsy goodness within the *Masterpiece Society Studio* for your kids (and you)! And honestly, there is enough art within this membership to take your kids from Kindergarten all the way through High School.

So to help you avoid overwhelm, we've put together this calendar with **lesson suggestions** for each month of the year. (Please note: this does not include every lesson within the membership, just a sampling.)

As a homeschooling mom for almost two decades, I completely understand that we homeschoolers don't ever want to be put in a box. That's why you and your kids are always free to do any course or lesson you desire. But if you'd like a little more structure or a few suggestions now and then, let our **Studio Suggested Lesson** calendar help you! (Don't forget that we also have [a calendar-style version here](#) if you prefer.)

We've also included other holidays and celebrations you might want to tie into art. Simply mark the days you want to include and add them to main homeschool planner, or print them out and hang on your fridge

## How the Calendar is Organized:

- **Monthly:** The lessons are organized by month to give you ideas for Art in your homeschool. Included are seasonal courses, plus holiday lessons within that particular month.
- **Sequentially:** If you'd rather follow a sequential order for the more advanced courses such as, **Mixing with the Masters**, or **Art School**, we've organized those for your older kids as well.
- **Color-coded:** You will also notice that we've color-coded the lessons to help with age suggestions for the courses. However, as you may already know, most of our art courses can be adapted to fit the needs of the entire family.

On the following page is the color key code we use:

- **GREEN: Grades K thru 2nd**
- **BLUE: Ages 8 and up**
- **PURPLE: Ages 10 and up**
- **ORANGE: Ages 13 and up**
- **PINK: Moms**

### Consider the ages of your children:

- Are they a bit on the younger side? Early or middle elementary? If so, I encourage you to stick with the **K-2 art courses (listed in green on calendar)**, step-by-step drawing lessons, and with assistance, some lessons **in the seasonal, holiday, and abstract courses (listed in blue on calendar)**.
- Are they upper elementary to early middle school? If so, any of the **seasonal, holidays, abstract, and pet courses (listed in blue on calendar)** and even the **Mixing with the Masters courses (listed in purple on calendar)** will be great for them. Of course, they're welcome to do the art for younger kids (**green**) if you think they'd enjoy them.
- Are they preteen to teens? The sky's the limit with them – let them choose from any courses they'd like: **seasonal, holidays, abstract, and pet courses (listed in blue on calendar)**, and the **Mixing with the Masters courses (listed in purple on calendar)**, and don't forget the **Art School courses (listed in orange on calendar)** which we created especially for this age group.
- **Are your kids everywhere in between?** If you have a mix of ages, they can work separately or let them all work together on projects. Your younger children can do as much as they can, while older kids and teens can embellish to their hearts' content. Even preschoolers can color (or paint) the PDF templates alongside their older siblings.
- **And don't forget about yourself!** While you'll have loads of fun creating alongside your kids in any of our courses, we have a special section for you: **Masterpiece Moms (listed in pink on calendar)**. Don't neglect to take time for yourself to refill your cup. "Mom time" is essential for a happy, well-balanced you.

# January

## Masterpiece Society Suggested Lessons

**Space Explorers: Solar System, Rocketship, Nebula**

**Winter Wonderland: Mixed Media Snowman, Watercolor Cardinal, Mixed Media Crocus**

**Holidays: New Year's Day (1/1), Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Appreciate a Dragon Day (1/16), Winnie the Pooh Day (1/18)**

**LiterARTure: Winnie the Pooh or Pride and Prejudice**

**Bard Art: Twelfth Night**

**Art of the Round Table: Camelot Ink and Wash**

**Historical ARTchives: Native American Pictograph**

**Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Cat**

**MWTMI: Leonardo Da Vinci**

**Art Escapades: Leonardo Da Vinci-Inspired Blueprints**

**Selfie Portraits: Pablo Picasso – Abstract Art**

**Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Trees**

**Drawing 101: Lessons 1-12**

**Art Through the Ages: Eastern Art: Japan**

**Masterpiece Moms: Chalkboard Art**

**Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: What is Hand Lettering?**

## Other Celebrations You Might Enjoy:

International Creativity Month, National Hot Tea Month

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|--|--|
| 1: New Years Day   | 3rd Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day                           |
| 2: National Science Fiction Day                            | 21: National Hugging Day   |
| 3: J.R.R. Tolkien's Birthday                               | 23: Paul Cezanne's Birthday                                      |
| 5: National Bird Day                                       | 25: National Opposite Day  |
| 6: National Cuddle Up Day                                  | 27: Lewis Carroll's Birthday, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Birthday |
| 12: Jack London's Birthday, John Singer Sargent's Birthday | 28: Jackson Pollock's Birthday                                   |
| 14: Berthe Morisot's Birthday                              | 29: National Puzzle Day  |
| 16: Appreciate a Dragon Day                                | 31: Inspire Your Heart with Art Day, National Backwards Day      |
| 18: Winnie the Pooh Day                                    |  |
| 19: Edgar Allan Poe's Birthday                             |  |

# February

## Masterpiece Society Suggested Lessons

**Backyard Nature: Beetle, Flower Garden**

**Winter Wonderland: Birch Forest, Paperwhites, Sculpted Bird**

**Holidays: Black History – Clementine’s Zinnias, Jim Dine Hearts (2/14), Tell a Fairy Tale Day (2/26)**

**Valentine’s Day Course, (2/14)**

**LiterARTure: Frog and Toad or Charlotte’s Web**

**Bard Art: Romeo & Juliet**

**Art of the Round Table: Sword in the Stone**

**Historical ARTchives: Abe Lincoln**

**Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Cow**

**MWTM2: Albrecht Dürer**

**Art Escapades: Aaron Douglas-Inspired Mural**

**Selfie Portraits: Rembrandt – Crosshatching Sketch**

**Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Birds**

**Drawing 101: Lessons 13-24**

**Art Through the Ages: Eastern Art: China**

**Masterpiece Moms: Finger Painted Floral**

**Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Lettering with Crayola Markers**

## Other Celebrations You Might Enjoy:

Black History Month, Bird Feeding Month + Great Backyard Bird Count

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|--|--|
| 1: Hourly Comic Day  | 13: Grant Wood’s Birthday  |
| 2: Groundhog Day   | 14: Valentine’s Day, Ferris Wheel Day                              |
| 3: Norman Rockwell’s Birthday  | 17: Random Acts of Kindness Day                                    |
| 7: Laura Ingalls Wilder’s Birthday,<br>Charles Dickens’ Birthday, National<br>Wear Red Day | 3rd Monday of Feb: President’s Day<br>24: Winslow Homer’s Birthday |
| 8: Jules Verne’s Birthday,<br>Franz Marc’s Birthday  | 25: Pierre Auguste Renoir’s Birthday<br>26: Tell a Fairy Tale Day  |
| 11: Make a Friend Day  | 27: National Retro Day   |

# March

## Masterpiece Society Suggested Lessons

**Featherly Friends: Blue Jay, Chickadee, Robin**

**Springtime Splendor: Mixed Media Bees, Acrylic Bird's Nest, Watercolor Bluebird**

**Holidays: Pi Day (3/14), St. Patrick's Day (3/17), National Crayon Day (3/31)**

**LiterARTure: Sherlock Holmes or Peter Pan**

**Bard Art: Julius Caesar**

**Art of the Round Table: Lady of the Lake in Acrylics**

**Historical ARTchives: Women's Suffrage Movement**

**Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Deer**

**MWTMI: Rembrandt van Rijn**

**Art Escapades: Van Gogh's Starry Night in Decoupage**

**Selfie Portraits: Frida Kahlo – Surrealism and Self Expression**

**Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Wild Plants & Fungi**

**Drawing 101: Lessons 25-36**

**Art Through the Ages: Eastern Art: India**

**Masterpiece Moms: Bird's Nest**

**Virtual Paint Parties: Abstract Roses in Acrylics**

**Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Lettering with Tombow Fude, Part I**

## Other Celebrations You Might Enjoy:

Women's History Month, Irish American Heritage Month, Vernal Equinox

1: World Compliment Day

2: Dr. Seuss Day

5: Howard Pyle's Birthday

6: Michelangelo's Birthday

7: Piet Mondrian's Birthday

8: Kenneth Grahame's Birthday

13: Jewel Day

14: Pi Day

17: Saint Patrick's Day

20: World Storytelling Day

21: World Poetry Day

25: Tolkien Reading Day

26: Robert Frost's Birthday, Make Up Your Own Holiday Day

30: Vincent van Gogh's Birthday, Francisco de Goya's Birthday, Take a

Walk in the Park Day

31: National Crayon Day

# April

## Masterpiece Society Suggested Lessons

**Backyard Nature: Beetle, Flower Garden, Bird**

**Watercolor Whimsies: Spring Edition**

**Springtime Splendor: Butterflies, Sculpted Poppy Bowl, Cherry Trees**

**Holidays: Easter, Earth Day (4/24)**

**LiterARTure: Alice in Wonderland or Peter Rabbit**

**Bard Art: Measure for Measure**

**Art of the Round Table: Coat of Arms in Acrylics**

**Historical ARTchives: Westward Expansion**

**Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Dog**

**MWTM2: Johannes Vermeer**

**Art Escapades: Andy Warhol-Inspired Pop Art Cats**

**Selfie Portraits: Andy Warhol – Pop Art Diptych**

**Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Mammals**

**Watercolor 101: Lessons 1-11**

**Art Through the Ages: Tribal: Africa**

**Masterpiece Moms: Abstract Irises**

**Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Lettering with Tombow Fude, Part II**

## Other Celebrations You Might Enjoy:

National Poetry Month, Easter

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|---|---|
| 1: April Fools Day                              | 16: Élisabeth Vigée Le Brun's Birthday                  |
| 2: Hans Christian Andersen's Birthday           | 17: Haiku Poetry Day                                    |
| 3: Washington Irving's Birthday                 | 20: Look Alike Day                                      |
| 5: First Contact Day                            | 21: Charlotte Brontë's Birthday                         |
| 6: Raphael's Birthday                           | 23: Shakespeare's Birthday, J. M. W. Turner's Birthday, |
| 9: Unicorn Day                                  | Impossible Astronaut Day                                |
| 10: Siblings Day                                | 24: Earth Day, Willem de Kooning's Birthday             |
| 13: Scrabble Day                                | 27: World Pinhole Photography Day                       |
| 14: Look Up at the Sky Day                      |   |
| 15: Leonardo da Vinci's Birthday, World Art Day |   |

# May

## Masterpiece Society Suggested Lessons

**Backyard Nature: Flower, Worm, Butterfly**

**Ages 8 and up — Springtime Splendor: Spring Chick, Frog Collage, Watercolor Tulips**

**Holidays: Star Wars Day (5/4), Cinco de Mayo (5/5), Mother's Day, World Turtle Day (5/23), Astronomy Day**

**LiterARTure: Wind in the Willows or Secret Garden**

**Bard Art: Hamlet**

**Art of the Round Table: Dragon in Markers**

**Historical ARTchives: Trail of Tears**

**Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Goat**

**MWTM2: Edgar Degas**

**Art Escapades: Gustav Klimt-Inspired Superhero**

**Selfie Portraits: Amedeo Modigliani – Expressionism**

**Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Insects**

**Watercolor 101: Lessons 12-22**

**Art Through the Ages: Tribal Art: The Americas and Oceania**

**Masterpiece Moms: Ocean Scene**

**Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Lettering with Tombow Dual Tip Markers**

## Other Celebrations You Might Enjoy:

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Jewish American Heritage Month

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|---|--|
| 1: May Day, Batman Day                          | 14: Thomas Gainsborough's Birthday                       |
| 3: Astronomy Day, Comic Book Day                | 2nd Sunday of May: Mother's Day                          |
| 4: Star Wars Day                                | 21: Henri Rousseau's Birthday, Albrecht Durer's Birthday |
| 5: Cinco de Mayo                                | 22: Mary Cassatt's Birthday                              |
| 6: Teacher Appreciation Day                     | 23: World Turtle Day                                     |
| 9: Peter Pan Day/J.M. Barrie's Birthday         | 24: Scavenger Hunt Day                                   |
| 11: Salvador Dali's Birthday, Twilight Zone Day | 26: Aaron Douglas' Birthday                              |
| 12: Limerick Day                                | Last Monday of May: Memorial Day                         |
|   | 28: Hamburger Day  |

# June

## Masterpiece Society Suggested Lessons

**Under the Sea: Jellyfish, Shark, Crab**

**Celebrate Summer: Seahorse Collage, Sailboat, Whimsical Bike**

**Playful Pet Portraits: Colorful Yorkie, Cat on Negative Space**

**Holiday: Father's Day, Summer Solstice (6/20)**

**LiterARTure: Little House on the Prairie or The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe**

**Summer Art Camp: ARTventure into Neverland**

**BARD Art: Midsummer Night's Dream**

**Art of the Round Table: Round Table in Charcoal**

**Historical ARTchives: Preamble to the Constitution**

**Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Horse**

**MWTMI: Claude Monet**

**Art Escapades: Katsushika Hokusai's Great Wave in Markers**

**Selfie Portraits: René Magritte – Surrealism and Symbolism**

**Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Amphibians & Reptiles**

**Handmade from the Heart: Candy Stripe Friendship Bracelet or Scrunchies**

**Watercolor 101: Lessons 23-32**

**Art Through the Ages: Medieval Art: Early Christian**

**Masterpiece Moms: Mixed Media Inspiration Piece Virtual Paint Parties:**

**Watercolor Wreath**

**Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Blending with Tombow Dual Tip Markers**

## Other Celebrations You Might Enjoy:

Summer Solstice

6: National Donut Day, Diego

Velazquez's Birthday

7: Paul Gauguin's Birthday

8: Best Friends Day

12: Red Rose Day

13: Sewing Machine Day

14: Flag Day

15: Nature Photography Day

17: M. C. Escher's Birthday

19: Juneteenth

3rd Sunday of June: Father's Day

21: Henry Ossawa Tanner's Birthday

# July

## Masterpiece Society Suggested Lessons

**Under the Sea: Octopus, Starfish, Sea Turtle**

**Celebrate Summer: Wildflowers, Lightning Bug Jar, Citrus Fruit Playful Pet**

**Portraits: Goldfish in Oil Pastels, Watercolor Hamster**

**Holiday: Independence Day (7/4)**

**LiterARTure: Call of the Wild or Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea**

**BARD Art: King Lear**

**Art of the Round Table: Code of Chivalry Mixed Media**

**Historical ARTchives: George Washington Presidential Portrait**

**Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Mouse**

**MWTM2: Paul Cézanne**

**Art Escapades: Georgia O'Keeffe-Inspired Closeup**

**Selfie Portraits: Paul Klee – Cubism**

**Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Trees**

**Handmade from the Heart: Today I Choose Block**

**Acrylics (& Oils) 101: Lessons 1-12**

**Art Through the Ages: Medieval Art: Islamic**

**Masterpiece Moms: Watercolor Bouquet**

**Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Adding Flourishes to Your Lettering**

### Other Celebrations You Might Enjoy:

1: International Joke Day

2: World UFO Day

4: Independence Day, Nathaniel

Hawthorne's Birthday

6: Frida Kahlo's Birthday

11: E. B. White's Birthday

14: Gustav Klimt's Birthday

15: Rembrandt van Rijn's Birthday

17: Edgar Degas's Birthday

20: National Ice Cream Day

24: Alexandre Dumas' Birthday

28: Beatrix Potter's Birthday, Marcel

Duchamp's Birthday

30: Emily Brontë's Birthday

# August

## Masterpiece Society Suggested Lessons

**Down on the Farm: Cow, Sheep, Pig**

**Celebrate Summer: Fairy/Gnome, Mixed Media Tent, Pink Flamingo**

**Playful Pet Portraits: Parakeets, Watercolor Chameleon**

**Abstract: A World of Circles or Mondrian**

**LiterARTure: The Jungle Book or Anne of Green Gables**

**Art of the Round Table: Sword in the Stone Mixed Media**

**Historical ARTchives: Map of Early Colonial Settlements**

**BARD Art: Much Ado About Nothing**

**Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Snake**

**MWTM2: Mary Cassatt**

**Art Escapades: Alma Thomas-Inspired Space Art**

**Selfie Portraits: Roy Lichtenstein – Comic-Style Pop Art**

**Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Birds**

**Acrylics (& Oils) 101: Lessons 13-24**

**Art Through the Ages: Medieval Art: Byzantine and Gothic**

**Masterpiece Moms: O’Keeffe-Inspired Zinnia**

**Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Mixing Different Lettering Styles**

### Other Celebrations You Might Enjoy:

2: Coloring Book Day

6: Andy Warhol’s Birthday

7: Lighthouse Day

8: International Cat Day

9: Book Lovers Day

10: Lazy Day

11: Son and Daughter Day

12: Middle Child Day, Edith  
Nesbit’s Birthday

13: Left Handers Day

18: Gustav Caillebotte’s Birthday

26: Dog Appreciation Day

30: National Beach Day,  
Frankenstein Day/Mary Shelley’s  
Birthday, Jacques Louis David’s  
Birthday

# September

## Masterpiece Society Suggested Lessons

**Down on the Farm: Rooster, Goose, Horse**

**Art of Fall: Mixed Media Owl, Monarch Butterfly, Sculpted Leaves**

**Holidays: Talk Like a Pirate Day (9/19), Hobbit Day (9/22), Autumnal Equinox (9/22)**

**LiterARTure: The Hobbit or Lord of the Rings**

**BARD Art: As You Like It**

**Art of the Round Table: Holy Grail in Acrylics**

**Historical ARTchives: Billy Yank and Johnny Reb**

**Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Squirrel**

**MWTM1: Vincent Van Gogh**

**Art Escapades: Henri Matisse-Inspired Collage**

**Selfie Portraits: Claude Monet – Caricatures**

**Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Wild Plants & Fungi**

**Acrylics (& Oils) 101: Lessons 25-34**

**Art Through the Ages: Ancient Art, Prehistoric, Art of the Fertile Crescent**

**Masterpiece Moms: Pumpkin & Sunflower**

**Virtual Paint Parties: Abstract Wildflower Garden in Watercolors**

**Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Creating Layouts with Your Lettering**

## Other Celebrations You Might Enjoy:

Hispanic Heritage Month, Autumnal Equinox

1st Monday of September: Labor Day	15: First Day of National Hispanic
6: Read a Book Day	Heritage Month, Agatha Christie's
7: Grandma Moses' Birthday, Jacob	Birthday, Make a Hat Day
Lawrence's Birthday	19: Talk Like a Pirate Day
8: Star Trek Day	21: H.G. Wells' Birthday
9: Teddy Bear Day	22: Hobbit Day
11: Patriot Say	29: Michelangelo da Caravaggio's
13: Roald Dahl's Birthday	Birthday

# October

## Masterpiece Society Suggested Lessons

**Dinosaurs: T-Rex, Stegosaurus, Triceratops**

**Watercolor Whimsies: Autumn Edition**

**Art of Fall: Rolled Pumpkin, Mixed Media Trees/Leaves, Doodle Lettering**

**Abstract: Color Explosion or Geometric**

**Holidays: National Poetry Day (10/3), Astronomy Day (10/13), Halloween (10/31)**

**LiterARTure: Frankenstein or Jekyll & Hyde**

**BARD Art: Macbeth**

**Art of the Round Table: The Charge of Arthur**

**Historical ARTchives: Statue of Liberty**

**Drawing Animals with Kristen Bailey: Turtle**

**MWTM2: Henri Matisse**

**Art Escapades: Claude Monet-Inspired Piece**

**Selfie Portraits: Henri Matisse – Fauvism**

**Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Mammals**

**Handmade from the Heart: Paper Pumpkin Garland or Yarn Pumpkin Garland**

**Pastels 101: Lessons 1-12**

**Art Through the Ages: Ancient Art: Egyptian**

**Masterpiece Moms: Autumn Watercolor**

**Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Adding Florals to Your Lettering**

## Other Celebrations You Might Enjoy:

### Inktober

1: International Coffee Day

3: National Poetry Day

4: Jean-Francois Millet's Birthday,  
Card Making Day

6: Mad Hatter Day

13: Columbus Day

16: Dictionary Day

25: Pablo Picasso's Birthday

27: National Black Cat Day

30: Angelica Kauffman's Birthday

31: Halloween, Johannes Vermeer's  
Birthday

# November

## Masterpiece Society Suggested Lessons

**Dinosaurs: Pterodactyl, Parasaurolophus, Brachiosaurus**

**Art of Fall: Apple Recipe Blocks, Autumn Quote Chalkboard Art, Indian Corn**

**Acrylic Painting Holidays: Thanksgiving, TARDIS Day (11/23), Guy Fawkes Day (11/5), Mickey Mouse Day (11/18), TARDIS Day (11/23)**

**LiterARTure: The Borrowers or Murder on the Orient Express**

**BARD Art: The Tempest**

**Art of the Round Table: The Wizard Merlin**

**Historical ARTchives: Mayflower Voyage to the New World**

**MWTM1: Pablo Picasso**

**Art Escapades: Alphonse Munch-Inspired Piece**

**Selfie Portraits: Paul Signac – Color Burst**

**Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Insects**

**Handmade from the Heart: Orange Clove Pomander or Granny Squares**

**Pastels 101: Lessons 13-24**

**Art Through the Ages: Classical Art: Greek**

**Masterpiece Moms: Thankful Chalkboard Art**

**Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Lettering on Greeting Cards**

## Other Celebrations You Might Enjoy:

Gratitude & Thanksgiving Month, National Novel Writing Month

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| 1: All Saints Day, Look for Circles Day                   | 26: Charles Schulz's Birthday   |
| 5: Guy Fawkes Day   | 4th Thursday of November:<br>Thanksgiving   |
| 11: Veterans Day, Origami Day                             | 28: William Blake's Birthday  |
| 14: Claude Monet's Birthday, Sonia<br>Delaunay's Birthday | 29: C. S. Lewis's Birthday, Madeline<br>L'Engle's Birthday, Louisa May<br>Alcott's Birthday |
| 15: Georgia O'Keeffe's Birthday                           | 30: Mark Twain's Birthday, Lucy<br>Maud Montgomery's Birthday                               |
| 18: Mickey Mouse Day                                      |   |
| 23: Fibonacci Day, TARDIS Day                             |   |
| 24: Francis Hodgson Burnett's<br>Birthday                 |   |

# December

## Masterpiece Society Suggested Lessons

**Space Explorers: Comet, Robot, Constellations**

**Watercolor Whimsies: Christmas Edition**

**Winter Wonderland: Mixed Media Christmas Tree, Watercolor Ornaments, Hymnal Wreath Holiday: Christmas (12/25)**

**LiterARTure: A Christmas Carol or Little Women**

**BARD Art: A Winter's Tale**

**Art of the Round Table: Questing Beast on Negative Space**

**Historical ARTchives: North Star Quilt**

**MWTMI: Georgia O'Keeffe**

**Art Escapades: Bob Ross-Inspired Piece**

**Selfie Portraits: Alphonse Mucha – Art Nouveau**

**Nature Journaling with Heather Woodie: Amphibians & Reptiles**

**Handmade from the Heart: Paper Snowflake in 3D or Fabric Bird Ornament**

**Pastels 101: Lessons 25-35**

**Art Through the Ages: Classical Art: Etruscan and Roman**

**Masterpiece Moms: Ornament Painting**

**Virtual Paint Parties: Intuitive Abstract in Acrylics**

**Hand Lettering with Elizabeth Warren: Final Lettering Project**

## Other Celebrations You Might Enjoy:

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| 1: Rosa Parks Day                                  | 16: Jane Austen's Birthday   |
| 2: Georges Seurat's Birthday                       | 17: Wright Brothers Day  |
| 3: Robert Louis Stephenson's Birthday              | 18: Paul Klee's Birthday   |
| 5: Day of the Ninja                                | 19: Ugly Sweater Day   |
| 6: St. Nicholas Day                                | 20-23: Winter Solstice (Changes annually)                                  |
| 8: Pretend to be a Time Traveler Day               | 25: Christmas  |
| 12: Edvard Munch's Birthday, Gingerbread House Day | 31: New Year's Eve, Henri Matisse's Birthday, Clementine Hunter's Birthday |
| 15: Hanukkah                                       |  |

# Art Day Planner

Use this simple page to intentionally carve out space for creativity. Art doesn't have to be complicated or time-consuming—it just needs a place on your calendar.

**Pro tip:** Try choosing one “Art Day” per week and protect it like any other subject. Fine Arts Fridays work beautifully!

## Art Lesson:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Theme / Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

Snacks or Sips: \_\_\_\_\_

Mood or Music: \_\_\_\_\_

(Light classical, epic scores, worship, nature sounds, etc.)

## Supplies Needed:



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## Family Reflection (optional):

What did we enjoy most? What did we learn?

# Creative Fun!

On the following pages, we've created different ways for tracking and celebrating creative accomplishments. The suggestions below give you ideas on how to utilize the various sheets, but feel free to adapt them to suit your family's unique needs.

## Art Day Habit Tracker

Use the paint palette sketch to stay gently accountable to your goal of making art a weekly habit. Since there are 6 “paint wells” on the palette, we suggest using it as a 6-week tracker (one art lesson per week). Let your kids color in or add a sticker each week you complete a lesson.

If you have kids who are more motivated in the area of art, print out one palette for each and let them do 6 art lessons a week! Everything's flexible!

## Creative Bravery Badges

Celebrate progress, not perfection. Sometimes it's not about creating a masterpiece—it's about showing up with a brave heart. These printable “badges” can be printed out on sticker paper (or simply cut out) and awarded when your kids (or you!) take creative steps forward.

## Masterpiece Makers Bingo

Use the Bingo card as a fun way to encourage your kids to try different art media, techniques and lessons. Stick it to the fridge and let everyone mark off which ones they've completed. Have a fun celebration (or buy a new art supply) whenever they bingo!

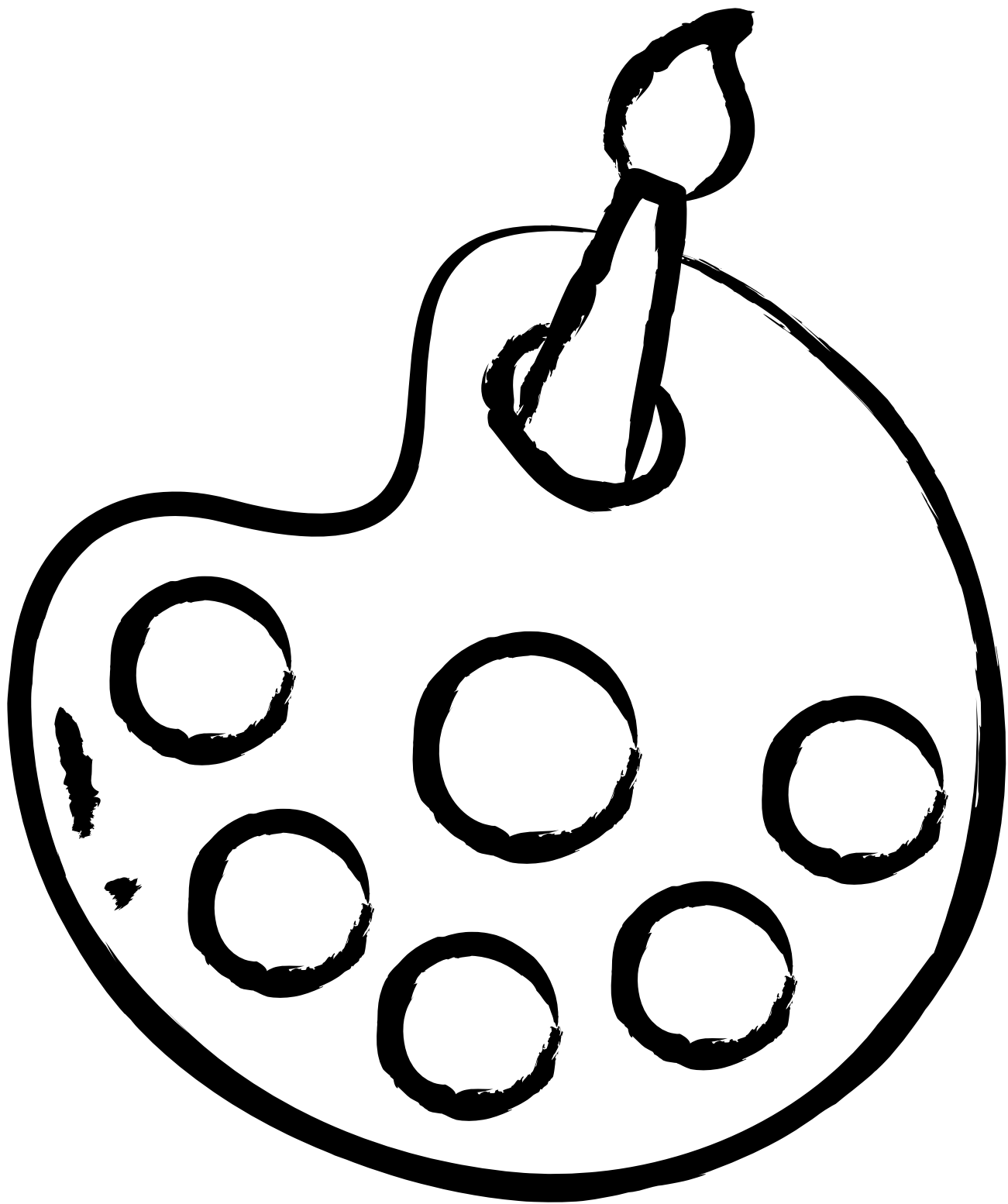
## Art Permission Slips

Print and cut out the “permission slips” and keep them with your art supplies. These are gentle reminders for your kids (and you) that messy, unfinished, or distracted art sessions still count. It's about connection, not perfection.

## Masterpiece Maker Certificate

Print out and present this fun certificate to your Masterpiece Maker on the completion of a course or any occasion you like! Signed by Da Vinci himself! 😊

# Art Day Habit Tracker



# Creative Bravery Badges





# Masterpiece Makers Bingo

Create an art piece with acrylics	Have a "Family Art Date"	Learn about a famous master artist	Make an "ugly" art piece	Create an art piece using the 3 primary colors + white
Copy a master artist's artwork	Create an art piece with watercolors	Do a contour drawing	Complete a seasonal art lesson	Experiment with a new art medium
Make a continuous line drawing	Create a self-portrait	 Free Space	Experiment with a new art tool	Create an artwork of your pet
Create an art piece using your non-dominant hand only	Complete a holiday art lesson	Experiment with a new art technique	Create an art piece with oil pastels	Do a blind contour drawing
Create an art piece based on a favorite book	Create an art piece with only 1 color + white	Draw an upside down art piece	Create an art piece "en plein air" (out of doors)	Create an art piece with collage

# Art Permission Slips



Permission to Throw Away  
an Art Piece You Don't Love



Permission to Paint  
Over an Old Artwork



Permission to Not  
Finish an Art Lesson



Permission to Not  
Finish an Art Course



Permission to Color or  
Paint "Outside the Lines"



Permission to Embrace  
Imperfection



Permission to Choose  
Your Favorite Colors



Permission to Create  
Wonky Art



Permission to Not Compare  
Your Art to Others' Art



Permission to Explore  
& Experiment with Art

# Art Permission Slips (con't.)



Permission to Get  
Absorbed in Your Art



Permission to  
Make a Mess



Permission to Trace a  
Pattern Instead of Drawing



Permission to Make  
“Mistakes”



Permission to Paint  
How You Feel



Permission to Try Again  
(and Again)



Permission to Start  
Before You Feel Ready



Permission to Do Art  
Your Own Way



Permission to Make  
Something Just for Fun



Permission to Take a Long  
Time with an Art Project

# Masterpiece Maker

*This certificate is presented to*

This certificate recognizes your exceptional talent, uniqueness, and creativity in the world of art. Keep expressing yourself through your amazing works.

*Alisha Gratehouse*

**ALISHA GRATEHOUSE**

**Masterpiece Society Founder**



*L. DA Vinci*

**LEONARDO DA VINCI**

**Master Artist**

# About Alisha

Alisha Gratehouse is an artist, minister's wife, and veteran homeschool mom of three young adults. She is passionate about nurturing creativity and bringing the joy of art to others.

In 2014, she began creating online art courses to fill what she believed was a gaping void in the area of homeschool art. Now through her company, the [Masterpiece Society](#), she offers a complete art curriculum, teaching kids and teens art expression through multiple art mediums and techniques, as well as art history and appreciation.



Alisha is also the founder of [Masterpiece Curations](#), an art appreciation website with a plethora of freebies for homeschooling families, and the owner of [Awaken to Delight](#), a delight-filled community for Charlotte Mason homeschoolers featuring morning time curriculum and “afternoon occupations” including, art lessons, handicraft lessons, nature study, and more!

Connect with us on social media:



# About Olivia

Olivia Gratehouse is a writer, artist, and classically trained pianist. She is a homeschool and Bible college graduate on a mission to spread joy and creativity.

She creates art courses for the [Masterpiece Society](#), and writes *Charlotte Mason Morning Time* curriculum for [Awaken to Delight](#), while managing the creative team for both companies.



In her spare time, Olivia writes stories full of magic and wonder, and has several novels and short stories in the works. She writes anything from science fiction to fantasy, with a focus on creating clean stories that readers young and old can enjoy. When not writing, Olivia enjoys reading, cooking, crafting, and creating art with too much color.

Connect with her on social media:



# What's next?

Remember, you don't have to do art every single week to provide a rich and generous education for your kids.

The most important thing to remember is that even though your days may get hectic or even chaotic, you are making memories and timeless keepsakes with your children every time you sit down to create with them.

You can't do it all. But you can certainly add in a little bit here and there, and the Masterpiece Society is here to help you every step of the way with rich, guided art experiences for your whole family!

## NEXT STEPS

Please check out each of our sites for ALL of your home-school art needs:

- [Masterpiece Society](#)
- [Masterpiece Curations](#)
- [Masterpiece Society YouTube Channel](#)

Let's make messy and beautiful art together!

