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Art Activity

Create your own art inspired by the artists and exhibitions at Second Street Gallery!

**Ages
10+**

TEA PAINTINGS

INSPIRED BY ARTIST ADRIENNE DENT

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Founded in 1973, Second Street Gallery is the oldest nonprofit (501(c)3) contemporary art space in Central Virginia.

TEA PAINTINGS

Adrienne Dent is inspired by materials with past lives, turning to nature and organic media for inspiration. She seeks a sustainable artistic practice, transforming everyday objects into visual celebrations and forms of devotion.

Mini Artwork

You will need:

- Tea bag
- Scissors
- Paintbrush
- Paints (watercolor or acrylic is best) or markers

1. Choose a teabag to be your 'canvas'. Brew the teabag as usual and enjoy a cup of tea with a parent, friend, or good book!

2. Save your brewed teabag and set it somewhere to dry.

3. Once the teabag is dry, gently separate the seams to open up the bag into a rectangular shape. Dispose of or compost the wet tea leaves inside.

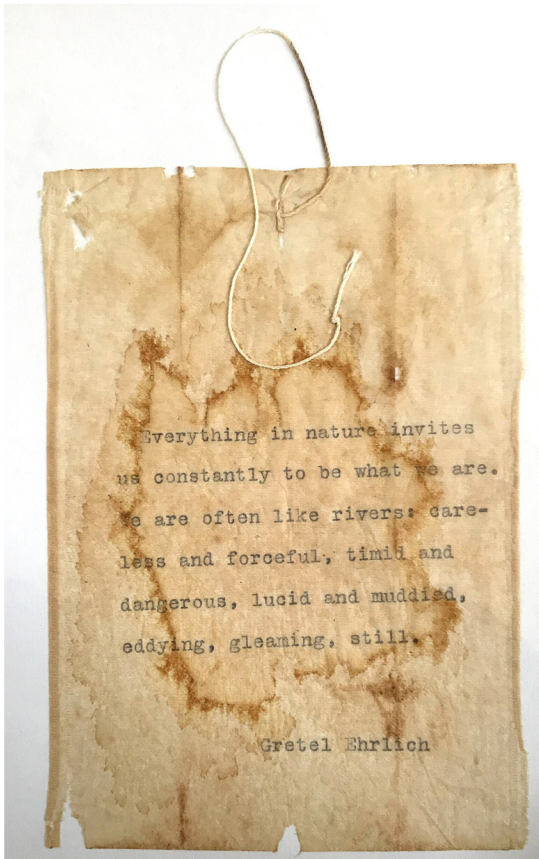
4. Now your 'canvas' is ready to be transformed!

5. Observe how your 'canvas' is uniquely stained with dried tea.



Experiment with painting on your 'canvas'. You could:

1. Place a second wet teabag on top of your dry canvas and see how the pigment spreads. Try using different kinds of tea for different colors!
2. Paint designs with ink, watercolor, or acrylic paint or
3. Write an inspirational quotation on top like Adrienne Dent



Tea Color Guide

Red? Try a rooibos

Orange? Try a black tea for a smoky brownish orange color

Green? Try a strong green tea or matcha

Blue or purple? Try a fruit or berry tea