



Pastel Mastery: Ignite Creativity Through Underpainting and Dynamic Techniques

2 Day Workshop with Nancy Nowak
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Take your pastel paintings to the next level with this inspiring and technique-rich class! This course is designed to help you deepen your skills while embracing the joy of creativity. By focusing on intuitive processes such as underpainting, dynamic mark making, and the power of play, you'll unlock new artistic potential and elevate your pastel artwork with fresh energy. We'll start with the basics—shapes, massing, and values—to create a solid foundation for each painting. From there, you'll explore how **play and intuition** can guide your creative process, allowing for spontaneity and inspiration to flow freely. Through various underpainting techniques, you'll discover how to layer depth and dimension into your work, while experimenting with bold and expressive **mark making**.

This class will cover:

- **Creative underpainting techniques** using various mediums to establish depth and texture.
- **Letting intuition guide your process**—trust your artistic instincts and play with spontaneity. Learn to loosen up!
- **Dynamic mark making** to infuse your painting with movement, emotion, and energy.
- **Lost and found edges** to create a sense of atmosphere and guide the viewer's eye.
- **Simplifying and editing** your composition for clarity and impact, while maintaining a sense of freedom.
- **Choosing and interpreting a reference photo** to inspire your unique pastel vision.

By the end of the class, you'll feel more confident and inspired to create, using both technique and intuition. You'll gain skills in layering and composition, while also embracing the power of playful experimentation, leading to more expressive and authentic works of art. Whether you're adding dramatic strokes or softening edges, this class will help you develop a balance between technical skill and artistic freedom.

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