

Portrait Play in Ink and Rooibos Tea

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Overview

In this lesson, you'll create an expressive portrait using **coloured pencils**, **ink/watercolour**, and **tea** as a warm, atmospheric wash.

Session 1 – Supplies Needed

Drawing Materials

- Graphite pencils: **2B, 4B, 6B/8B**
- Putty rubber / eraser
- **A4** paper suitable for wet media
- Hot press or cold press, **300gsm** (or stretch your own paper)

Tea & Ink Components

- **Brewed tea**
- Stronger is better – Rooibos recommended
 - Optional: Add a little **red/orange ink** to deepen the colour
- **Water-soluble red ink** (or any water-based ink/paint that dilutes well in tea). I used Diamine Ancient Copper Fountain Pen ink in the demo.
 - Watercolour or acrylic paint can also be used

Brushes & Tools

- Medium-sized paintbrush (**size 6 or 8**)
- Additional brushes for detail (**sizes 1, 4, 7**)
- Pipette or dropper (optional)

- Rubber blower (photography tool)
 - You may also use a **drinking straw, hairdryer, or heat gun**

Colour Additions

- Coloured pencils: **reds, browns, greens, and white**
- White **Posca** pen
 - Optional: light orange + beige Posca
- White **Gelly Roll** pen

General Supplies

- Water and water containers



