

# Abstract Paintings with Lucy Donald

## Materials list:

Cut card board into pieces around about A5 size you need a minimum of 5. You can use grey card, the sort you get on the back of a spiral bound sketchbook or card from a shoe box or cereal box **NOT CORRUGATED CARD.**

Paints acrylic or ready mix

Large household brushes of two different sizes and a sponge

A printmaking roller or rolling pin or bottle/jar (ask permission!)

A pot to put water in to clean brushes

A palette, a scrap of card will do, to mix paint on.

Paint your base layer colours onto the card. It's best to use lighter, translucent colours for this step.

Choose a colour that works with the base colours **HARMONIOUS** colours or the **COMPLEMENTARY** colour of your base colour. Apply paint with a roller. This is to create an unpredictable layer of texture.

Use a sponge to add smears or blocks of paint, don't use paint too thickly, uneven textures from the thin paint work really well!

Conceal and reveal layer. Adding a dark colour using a roller a brush or a sponge will begin to focus the image. Concealing some areas of detail and revealing remaining colours will make them appear to stand out more.

Add a layer of opaque colour. Areas of opaque colour can sit on top of dark layers and complement some of the other translucent colours in the layers underneath.

Print from one painting to another. Repeat shapes in your series of paintings by printing from one painting onto another. It will also create more interesting textures.

Paint back on top with a watery wash of colour. A wash of colour adds another texture and can also unify sections that aren't working so well.

Draw into paintings with oil pastels. You can add detailed pattern or make blocks of colour that you can then scratch into.

If you are not happy with your painting, repeat any of the steps above!

## **Where to find materials online**

### **Decorator brushes**

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Silverline-282408-Synthetic-Paint-Brushes/dp/B000LFVG66/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?crid=34NQXVZ8TINT9&dchild=1&keywords=decorating+brushes+harris&qid=1586514920&srefix=Decorating+brushes%2Caps%2C148&sr=8-2](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Silverline-282408-Synthetic-Paint-Brushes/dp/B000LFVG66/ref=sr_1_2?crid=34NQXVZ8TINT9&dchild=1&keywords=decorating+brushes+harris&qid=1586514920&srefix=Decorating+brushes%2Caps%2C148&sr=8-2)

### **Printmaking roller**

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Essdee-Ink-Roller-Brayer-100/dp/B01IN592HU/ref=sr\\_1\\_5?dchild=1&keywords=Printmaking+roller&qid=1586514985&sr=8-5](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Essdee-Ink-Roller-Brayer-100/dp/B01IN592HU/ref=sr_1_5?dchild=1&keywords=Printmaking+roller&qid=1586514985&sr=8-5)

### **Acrylics**

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Auntwhale-Acrylic-Beginners-Students-millilitre/dp/B084T28XVJ/ref=sr\\_1\\_10?dchild=1&keywords=acrylic+paints+set&qid=1586515150&sr=8-10](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Auntwhale-Acrylic-Beginners-Students-millilitre/dp/B084T28XVJ/ref=sr_1_10?dchild=1&keywords=acrylic+paints+set&qid=1586515150&sr=8-10)

### **Oil pastels**

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Pentel-arts-oil-pastels-assorted/dp/B000UGAYUK/ref=sr\\_1\\_10?dchild=1&keywords=Oil+pastels&qid=1586515310&sr=8-10](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Pentel-arts-oil-pastels-assorted/dp/B000UGAYUK/ref=sr_1_10?dchild=1&keywords=Oil+pastels&qid=1586515310&sr=8-10)