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Tea-Stained Environment Drawing inspired by Linda Wabanimkee Matson

Linda Wabanimkee Matson is a Native American (Ottawa/Chippewa) photographer and artist whose work often features unique environments. Some, like the image below, are devoid of people, allowing the environment itself to tell the story. Think about an environment that holds meaning in your own life to gather inspiration. This could be a room in your family home or a vacation spot. Create an image that tells a story by drawing the location, then explore painting with interesting materials by creating a wash of color similar to the sepia tones in Matson's photograph.



Linda Wabanimkee Matson
Serene, 2004
Sepia-toned silver gelatin print
4 3/4 x 4 3/4 inches
Racine Art Museum, Arlene Heft
Memorial Purchase Award from
Wisconsin Photography 2004
Photography: Jarvis Lawson

Supplies

- White paper
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Tea, coffee, or spices
- Water
- Paintbrush



Instructions

1. Steep some tea, brew coffee, or mix spices with water to allow enough time for your wash to darken.
2. Use a pencil to sketch an image on white paper of an environment that is special to you.
3. Trace over the pencil lines with a permanent marker. This is your chance to finalize any details and erase pencil lines you do not want in the final drawing.
4. Use a paintbrush to apply your coffee, tea, or spice mixture liquid as a wash over the finished drawing.

