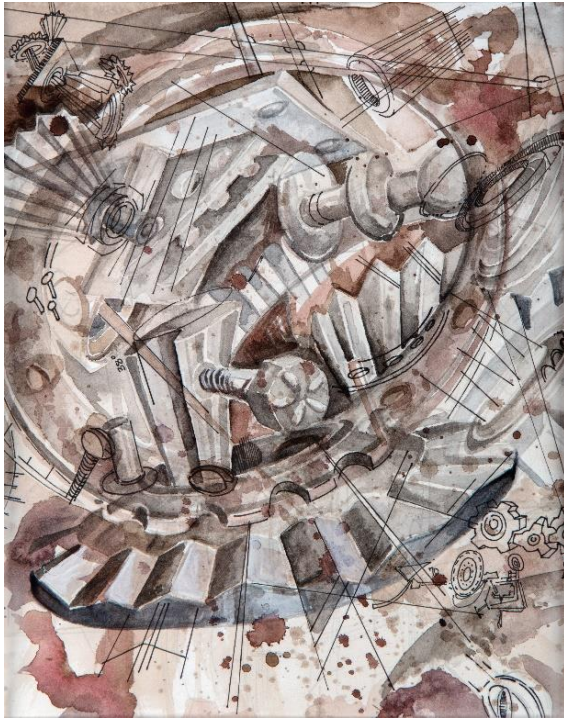


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Trenton Baylor Inspired Coffee Painting

University of Wisconsin-Parkside Professor Trenton Baylor has been creating sculptural furniture for many years although he originally studied painting during his college years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Baylor is inspired by a range of things, from what he finds beautiful to what he—by his own admission—does not know or understand. Take inspiration from Baylor's watercolor piece, *Gear #1*, which is in RAM's permanent collection, and create your own watercolor painting. Don't have watercolor paints? Not to worry! Read on to learn how to mix homemade paint using supplies from your kitchen.



Trenton Baylor
Gear #1, 2002
Watercolor and ink
9 1/2 x 7 1/2 inches
Racine Art Museum, G. Williams Reid Purchase
Award from *Watercolor Wisconsin 2002*
Photography: Jon Bolton



Supplies

- White paper (the thicker the better)
- Paintbrush(es)
- Pencil
- Sharpie / marker
- Coffee grounds, tea, Kool-Aid, etc.
- Water
- Newspaper or cardboard to cover your surface

Instructions

1. To create your own at-home watercolor paints, choose water-soluble ingredients that have pigment in them. Some great choices include coffee grounds, teas, Kool-Aid powder, and food coloring.
 - a. Take your home-sourced pigments, and mix them with a ratio of 1 tablespoon pigment to every 1/2 cup of water. For more saturated watercolor paints, use more pigment. For less saturated paints, add more water.
 - b. Make sure your coffee grounds, teas, or Kool-Aid powders are fully dissolved or strain out any large debris from your paints.
2. To begin your Trenton Baylor inspired coffee painting, start by covering your table with newspaper or cardboard as this project can get messy!
3. Place your paper on your covered surface, and begin painting using your homemade paints.
4. Let your watercolor painting dry completely before moving on to the next step.
5. Once your paper is dry, begin sketching your designs, graphics, and patterns with a pencil.
6. Use a sharpie or marker to trace over your designs.



Examples of projects

