

Getting Into Creating ACEOs

Your friend just told you about these cool little cards that people have gone completely nuts for on Ebay, Etsy, and other auction format art sites. Now you have the fever but don't know where to start. The good thing is the rules are simple.

rule one

An ACEO card must be 2.5" x 3.5"

rule two

All artwork must follow copyright laws to respect fellow artist

Where did it all begin?

Lisa Luree, known as "bone*diva" on Ebay popularized the ACEO movement as a response to the inability to sell traditional ATC cards or Artist Trading Cards (which are strictly for trade). She wanted a vehicle to sell her tiny works of art. As a result, thousands of artists jumped on the ACEO bandwagon and can be found on auction sites across the internet. Today, ACEO artwork is celebrated worldwide.

ANGELA'S CHALLENGE

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Ashton Pettigrew is a young artist living in Nova Scotia, Canada. She has created up to a dozen of these dazzling little pieces of art.

The example below is based on a love theme and would be a wonderful gift for someone you cherish. Many of Ashton's cards have words added to them. This a technique you may want to try in your own home studio. Based on my artist pick of February, Ashton Pettigrew, here is my challenge to you this month:

ENHANCE AN ACEO WITH TYPOGRAPHY (WORDS)

Instructions

1. Cut some word clippings from various sources. Try incorporating them in a work you have already created or a work you will create to match the context of the words.
2. You can glue them or use an alternative clear medium to add them to your paper based cards. (Be sure to use a thin layer of glue to ensure transparency).



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WHERE DO I CLIP WORDS FROM WITHOUT RUINING THINGS?

OLD NEWSPAPERS
OLD MAGAZINES
VINTAGE POSTCARDS
JUNK MAIL
OLD LETTERS
SCRAPBOOKING KITS
PAPER DISTRIBUTORS

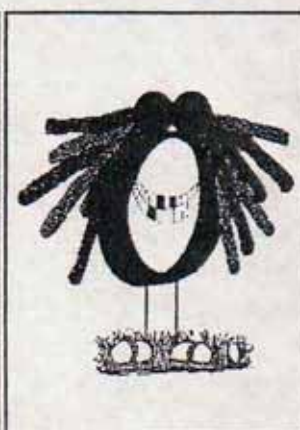
WHERE DO I FIND THIS STUFF?

GARAGE SALES
CRAFT STORES
ON EBAY AUCTIONS
YOUR MAILBOX
ANTIQUE FAIRS

A sneak peek at Suzanne Gerard's booklet called "Letters with Attitude"

The three cards on the right are a glimpse at some of the pages in this upcoming publication. Stay tuned for more info about this project.

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