

The Process

Four paintings step-by-step









The Preparation

NOTE: Why four paintings? I try to develop multiple canvases simultaneously because The Process is pretty darned messy (even my son's fish tank has paint on it...) and, I can turn to another canvas if I find myself obsessing.

Reference



I concept, shoot reference, and compose my reference.

Hidden surprises



Dried flowers and shells collected in preparation for the pouring.



The Gesso



Applying the gesso.



Drawing the image.



Imbedding items.



Dried gesso with leaves and flowers.



Artist's assistant



The Metallics

Under-painting



Metallic acrylic basecoat









Large sections of metallic color are blocked in and silver or copper foil sheets adhered.



The Pouring

Mixing





Mixing various colors of watered-down acrylic paint in bottles.

Spraying



With canvas flat on floor, wetting entire surface of canvas.



The Pouring

Color



Pouring Payne's Grey



Spray



Rub



Pouring accent colors.



The Pouring

Add-ins







Adding gold watercolor powder and glitter to the wet paint.



The Figure

In progress



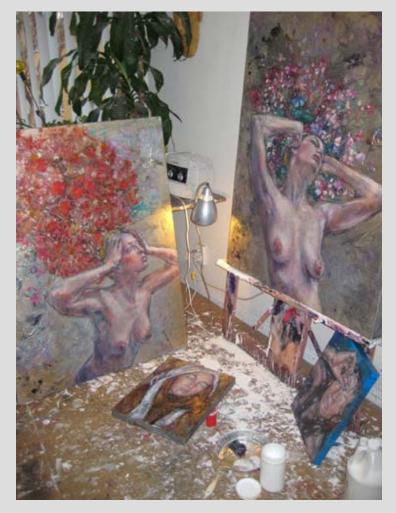


Switching to non-metallic paints, the figure begins to emerge.



The Figure

Completed





Paintings are finished with a coat of gloss varnish followed by a coat of dull strategically applied. Each painting balances metallic (hair/background) and non-metallic (face/veil).

Artwork by Mollie Kellogg



"Spring" by Mollie Kellogg mixed media on museum profile canvas 36"x48"

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"Autumn" by Mollie Kellogg mixed media on museum profile canvas 36"x48"

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"Desert Girl Talks to the Sea God" by Mollie Kellogg mixed media on gallery profile canvas 14"x18"

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"Veiling" by Mollie Kellogg mixed media on gallery profile canvas 14"x18"

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Thank you for you interest in my work. Feel free to contact me with questions or comments.



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Each new painting answers different questions and makes other answers less important.