Batiks

Batiking is an old art form that originated in Indonesia. Traditionally it is done with wax on fabric to repel dye, which can create intricate patterns. Natural areas, and especially streams, are great places to get inspired for creating the pattern of a Batik. What about nature inspires you? Think about your sense of place for Central Oregon, what do you most identify with? What makes this place home to you?

Materials:

- White cotton fabric

    -You can use an old t-shirt to either cut squares from or create a whole patterned piece.

    -Most cotton fabric will work, for this example we used cotton muslin bought at a fabric store.

- Dye options, choose one method
    -Acrylic paint, 1:2 paint to water ratio
    -Fabric dye, 1 tsp dye to 1 cup of warm water
    -Food coloring, 5 drops of coloring to one cup of warm water
- Batiking options, choose one method
    -Blue Elmer's Glue
    -Flour and water mixture, about 1:3 flour/water ratio, should be the consistency of cake batter

- Sharpie
- Scrap paper
- Pencil
- Rubber bands

Directions:

Step 1- Find inspiration for your design and create a sketch on a piece of paper using a pencil, which will cover the entire area you are designing.

Step 2- Trace over all pencil lines with a sharpie, so that they are easier to see through your fabric. Secure the fabric over your design.

Step 3- Use your blue glue, or a ziploc bag of the flour/water mixture with a tip cut off, to trace over your design onto the fabric. Remove from paper and dry over night.

Step 4- Prepare your dye option of choice. Use rubber bands to gather areas of your fabric to create different designs, or use a paint brush to add dye to fabric. If using fabric dye or food coloring, let the fabric soak in the dye for at least 5 minutes. Do not remove rubber band, let your design dry and set overnight.

Step 5- Remove any rubber bands and thoroughly rinse out excess dye and scrub out all glue or flour from fabric, revealing white lines. Hang dry and enjoy your work of art!