

7 *Outrageous* OIL PASTEL TECHNIQUES

General Tips:

- Always create with newspaper underneath to catch oil pastel flakes.
- Try layering techniques for endless possibilities.
- Keep a small rag handy to wipe off dirty or stained oil pastels.

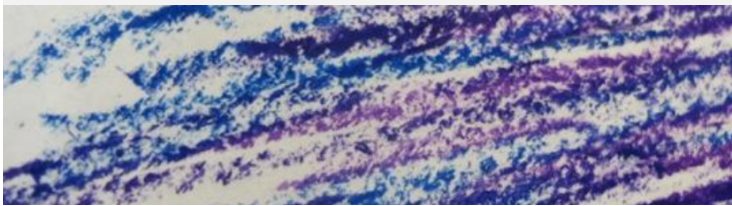
Heavy Pressure Blending

- Generously add pastel in one direction on paper.
- Layer colors to achieve a blended and rich look.



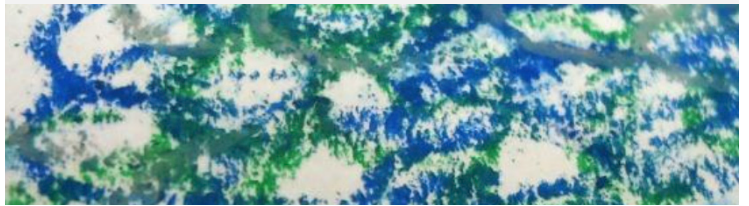
Light Pressure Blending

- Lightly add pastel in one direction on paper.
- Layer colors to achieve various hues.



Scumbling

- Apply controlled, scribbled marks of oil pastel to build up value and texture.



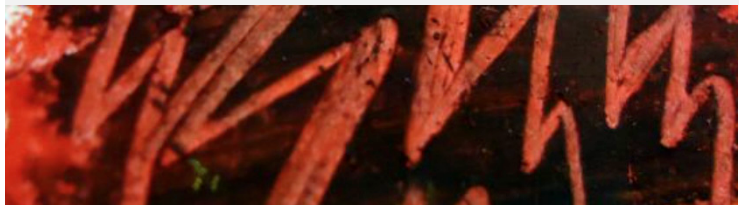
Color Mixing

- Apply a layer of oil pastel and follow with a contrasting color over.
- Continue to blend/layer additional colors to get desired hue.



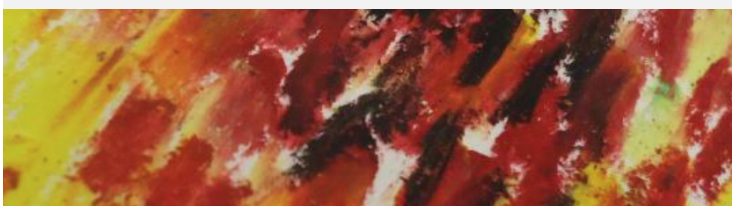
Sgraffito

- Overlap two, thick layers of different colors on paper.
- Use a paper clip or wooden stylus to scratch or scrape away line design revealing underneath color.



Stippling

- Use small, choppy strokes to create stippled effect on paper. Layer with additional colors for depth.



Oil

- Use a cotton swab soaked in baby oil to smooth and blend oil pastel marks on paper. Let dry overnight.

