Favorite Israeli Fruit Trees: A Watercolor Resist Painting

A watercolor resist painting is comprised of watercolor paints and either oil pastels or crayons. Because oil and water do not mix, the oil pastels and crayons literally resist the watercolor paints the results will amaze you! Enjoy this simple and relaxing technique to create a beautiful painting of your favorite fruit bearing trees from the beautiful land of Israel.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

1. Watercolor paper
2. Oil pastels or crayons
3. Watercolor paints
4. Pencils with erasers
5. Paper towels
6. Paintbrush
7. Water Bowl
8. Pictures of various Israeli fruit trees (optional)
9. Tablecloth to protect your table space (optional)

STEPS TO CREATING YOUR FAVORITE ISRAELI FRUIT TREES WATERCOLOR RESIST PAINTING

If you don't have watercolor supplies, don't worry! You can create a simple drawing with markers, pens or pencils.

1. Look for pictures of Israeli fruit trees on the internet or photographs you might have from Israel.
2. Use a pencil to lightly sketch your image.
3. Once you are pleased, trace your pencil lines with oil pastel. (If you do not have oil pastels, you can use crayons, permanent markers or pen.)
4. Use your watercolor paints to add paint color wherever you did not add oil pastels or crayons. You will find that the oil pastels/crayons stayed the same and did not change to paint.

   Tip: When watercolor painting, you control the value of the paint by how much water you use. If you use a lot of water, your paint will become very light and washed out. If you use a little bit of water the paint will be darker. The choice is yours, of course!

5. Once your trees are dried, it is time to focus on your background. You can use the oil pastels/crayons to draw things like butterflies, rainbows or clouds in your sky and whatever you would like along your ground (Ideas: a straight line of grass, hills, etc.) Get creative and have fun creating Israeli fruit trees!
6. Sign your painting when it is completely dried, with a permanent marker. Oh, and don't forget the date, or at least the year!