



Finding Inspiration

Where do you get your inspiration from? I've been asked this questions many times! Do you ever sit down to "doodle" with your paints, only to find yourself feeling creatively "stuck?" It happens to the best of us, but there are many ways to jump start your creativity and get yourself lost in your artwork again. I find inspiration from so many sources! We all know that there are many places to find face painting inspiration: Facebook groups, face painting magazines and books, Pinterest, etc. However, if you expand your search beyond just face painting specific sources, you just might be surprised how much inspiration you will find! In this issue I am going to share some of the many unique places I find inspiration.

Greeting Cards

This design above was inspired by a birthday card that I received last month! The next time you go shopping for a birthday card for Grandma, take an extra look through the greeting card

aisle. You'll find everything from cute kids' cartoony characters, to beautiful wildlife illustrations.

Stickers

I love exploring the sticker aisle at my local craft stores! Stickers can provide some fantastic ideas for simple, colorful, and cute cheek art ideas and designs that can be incorporated into full face designs.

Google

A simple Google Image search can give you TONS of ideas. I like to search for subjects by adding the word "illustration" or "cartoon" to my search terms when looking for clean, graphic ideas. You can also search for other styles by adding "clip art" or "design" to your subject term.

Clothing

I can't tell you how many times I've seen a child walk by with a cute illustration on his or her shirt, and jumped for

my sketch-book!



Books

I'm not talking about face painting books here, although I would of course highly recommend my new one stroke book! (shameless plug, I know, but hey, this is my newsletter, right?) ;-) I have a collection of non-face painting books about graffiti art, tattoos, Celtic designs, Henna designs, Antique illustrations, textile design, Japanese painting, graphic design, and more. Visit my blog and search the words "book inspiration" to see posts of things I have done with my book collection!

The next time you find yourself in a creative slump, try one of these sources of inspiration. Pick something that jumps out at you, and try painting your own version! You'd be surprised what awesome face painting designs may spring from it!