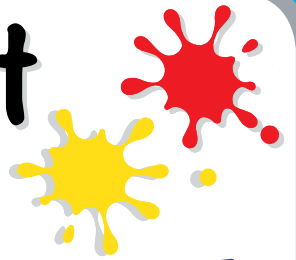


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## 2017: RESOLVE TO TRY!

On January 1st, 2017 I decided to give myself quite an ambitious personal creative challenge: post a painting every day on my blog for an entire year. The theme: “Celebrate!!” Every day of the year is some national or international day of “something.” So for the next year I’m going to attempt to post a painting every day that coincides with that particular “holiday.” Today I don’t want to write about my challenge, but rather, the reactions I’ve noticed from my fellow painters to my challenge, and offer some encouragement.

I’ve heard everything from “wow, that’s quite a commitment,” to “I WISH I could do that.” And today I want to tell you, you CAN! But most importantly, if you can’t do it perfectly, so what?! *‘Tis better to have tried and failed, miserably even, than not to have tried at all, right?!*

What is it that makes us so afraid to accept challenges like this? Especially this time of year...so many people are afraid to set any goals or resolutions for fear of failure.

**“Every accomplishment starts with the decision to TRY.”**

Sure, I may very well miss a day here and there, I may fall behind, or I may even stop early altogether. But that’s not the point...the point is that I am *trying*. It’s not important whether I succeed or not...what’s important is that I try. *After all, what good are awesome ideas if you never try them?*

So let’s break down this challenge. The scariest part is the frequency... every day. That’s 365 paintings over an entire year. Every. Single. Day. How can I possibly do something *every day?!*

Think about all the things you do every day that aren’t even that particularly enjoyable. I bet you can come up with a pretty long list. If I can make time every day to unload the dishwasher, brush my teeth, and change my underwear why can’t I make time to do a little painting?

According to some awesome Facebook meme, John C. Maxwell said, *“You’ll never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret of your success is found in your daily routine.”*

I’ve seen another great meme going around on Facebook with the definition of the word **“Flawsome: An individual who embraces their ‘flaws’ and knows they’re awesome regardless.”** So take a chance on yourself this year! Don’t be afraid of not following through with perfection. Be brave enough to chance failure. Be **FLAWSOME!** The lessons you learn along the way are the real achievement! 🎨



# What's News?



## On the Blog

Visit the blog & subscribe to our feed to have every day of my challenge delivered to your inbox!



## January Jam:

Paintertainment will be hosting another monthly jam on the 24th, for those of you who live in/around the Twin Cities!



## Clearance Sale!

With remodeling comes cleaning, and with cleaning comes clearance sales! Check out our newly re-stocked clearance section today!



Free step-by-step  
**HOW-TO**  
from Paintertainment.com

# CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

Signing yourself up for a daily challenge for any length of time can be overwhelming. Here are some steps to help set yourself up for success!



1

Find a spot in your home where you can keep your paints set up & ready to go 24 hours a day, to avoid the setup and tear-down time.



2

If step 1 is tough for you, make a mini kit dedicated to your practice challenges. This way you don't have to ever pack it up for a gig.



3

Set reminders in your phone or calendar to paint. Make a list of subject matter ideas ahead of time so you can get straight to the painting!



4

Document it! Take photos of everything you paint & keep them in one spot where you can easily look back at your progress. Look back often!

## January Coupon Code!

**15%**  
off

Enter code **JUSTTRY** at checkout. Shopping cart must total \$25 or more before shipping and taxes. Offer expires 1/31/17.