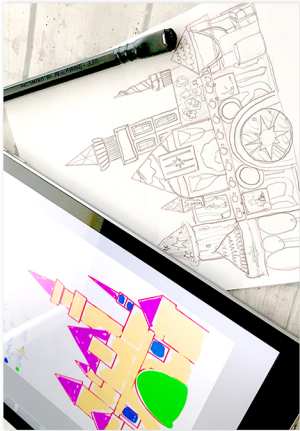


JOURNALING AT DISNEYLAND

I'm getting myself prepped for a fun day of filming at Disneyland this week for a PLAYZEST TV & PLAYBOX tiers video. One of my favorite videos from last year's Playtest was the Urban sketching at Disney's California Adventure park, so I am going back in this week with an exercise that has super fun applications beyond what I'll draw in the video. It echoes the "Collage an Illustration" tutorials from 2018 and it seems to be working well for my tests so I am excited to see what happens in Disneyland. I think I'll be filming by myself, but I did the last sketch vlog on YouTube by myself so I'm sure I'll manage.



preparing for filming at disneyland

Funny sort-of-related tangent, I joined "Zoom" this week so I could attend a livestream by Tangie Baxter about her infamous "Art Journaling the Magic" retreats. For those of you who don't know, AJTM is a retreat at the Disney Parks where you can enjoy art journaling in the parks' magical atmosphere with like-minded crazy people who will indulge your every conversation about pens, pencils, washi etc. I was lucky enough to drop in on a retreat earlier this year and go on a sketch walk and host a little lesson. Tangie is located in

Florida so it's a real treat when the event pops up on the West coast. Anyways, I've been a crazy stalker fan girl for a while and I indulge all of my AJTM fantasies when I go to the parks and film. It's Disney AND art journaling, I think it's a given that I'm on board! Haha. So, I joined Zoom to hang out in the live chat. I have never done anything like that before, mostly because I've shown support before and accidentally upset other Creators. I think some Creators don't like other Creators to be in their space? Tangie is not like that though; super inclusive and happy for everyone to join in – you have no idea how grateful I am for that! I know it sounds crazy, maybe I'll open up that can of worms another day, but it's so nice for me to be in a space where I can just sit back, watch, learn, create and enjoy as a student. I was drawing and painting along for 3 hours, completely oblivious to how much time had passed, and my cup was overflowing with creativity and excitement for AJTM to come back to Disneyland in December. I have to stress this as well: I am not affiliated with, or sponsored by AJTM. I am a crazy fan. HAHA! It doesn't help that I'm also a crazy fan of Dave's (Tangie's husband) Disney Golden Book art journals. I have a Wall-E and Dumbo one, Steve has a Coco one – which will eventually become MY Coco journal I'm sure.



playtime during the live zoom chat

We were hanging out and chatting, devouring journal after journal Tangie was so generous to flip for us all. I could have brought my dinner to the computer and just enjoyed it all night long! We even had a couple of live lessons that I thoroughly enjoyed. One of Tangie's gifts is being able to stimulate your curiosity. An ever-student herself, there's an infectious desire to learn and explore that radiates throughout her retreat and even translates online. Britt, one of the guest teachers (and friend) I met earlier this year, taught as well and we had a good chat afterwards about the joy of learning from each other and sharing what we know.



kawaii portrait lesson by @designerbritney

JOURNAL JUNKIE BINGO

OK, here's where we find out how much of a crazy journal keeper you are! I've created a MEGA BINGO card for us to check our journal journey and find out how many random experiences we have in common!

FINISHED A ROLL OF WASHI TAPE	OWN MORE THAN 3 JOURNALS	FINISHED A HALF PAN OF WATER COLOR	CUT A STAMP APART	MADE YOUR OWN STENCIL	FINISHED AN ENTIRE ART JOURNAL
SHARED A JOURNAL SPREAD IN A FACEBOOK GROUP	BOUGHT A SUPPLY BECAUSE OF FOMO	DONE A CREATIVE WORKSHOP	FINGER PAINTED IN YOUR JOURNAL	BINGE WATCHED JOURNAL VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE	SHOWN YOUR JOURNAL TO A FAMILY MEMBER
COMPLETED A TRAVEL JOURNAL	MADE YOUR OWN STICKERS			ABANDONED AN ART JOURNAL	WRITTEN POETRY IN YOUR ART JOURNAL
HAVE PHOTOS IN YOUR ART JOURNAL	RENOVATED A JOURNAL PAGE YOU DIDN'T LIKE			TORN PAGES OUT OF YOUR ART JOURNAL	ADDED A POP-UP ELEMENT TO YOUR ART JOURNAL
SWATCHED OUT YOUR WASHI TAPES	WORKED IN SOMEONE ELSE'S JOURNAL	FINISHED A PEN/MARKER	SPILLED A DRINK ON YOUR JOURNAL	DRANK YOUR PAINT WATER	FELT OVERLY JOYOUS ABOUT A PAGE IN YOUR JOURNAL
TURNED A SWATCH PAGE INTO A FINISHED PIECE	TAUGHT A TECHNIQUE YOU LOVE TO SOMEONE ELSE	REGRETTED THE PURCHASE OF A TOOL / SUPPLY	URBAN SKETCHED	ATTENDED A CROP NIGHT OR JOURNAL MEETUP / RETREAT	JOURNALED FOR MORE THAN 31 DAYS IN A ROW

I'M A PRINTER MURDERER!

Cue Home Alone style "WE DID IT AGAIN! AAAAAHHHHH!" And you know what, yes, it was all avoidable, for someone who is not impatient and clumsy like myself... I'm an idiot. So, I love my Canon MX922 printer, always have. I am resistant to change, both personal and printer, so I have used, abused and recommended this same model of printer for years now. I've read terrible reviews, I've heard of things going wrong, but the only issue I've ever had was myself. I used one in Australia when I started jlbCREATIVE. I bought my first here in 2016 so I could 'print the wedding'. Literally, I printed tons of our wedding decorations with it. I proceeded to break that printer in 2018 because I'm a fool and didn't push the ink cartridge down before I closed the lid... printer was not happy. It still kind of worked after that, but you know I love to print everything so "kind of" was not good enough. I replaced the printer with another of the

the same and it was working beautifully until last week when I got a paper jam. A paper jam I could have gently pulled out if I weren't me and decided to go King Kong on it. Still, parts of the printer functioned well, just not enough for me to actually run my business. So, time for a third. I get this replacement, set it all up, then notice issues with the bottom of every page. Determined to figure it out, I was on YouTube all night with cotton tips and a flashlight and not a clue what to do. Same day I requested an exchange, I have no time for this. The 4th has arrived and I have to be honest, I had a breakdown (tears included) and I haven't been able to work up the courage to see if the replacement's replacement works... I have faith. I couldn't possibly have 3 Canon MX922's in this house right now and not be able to print one good US letter sized document... I just couldn't. PS. If I'm missing from social media this week, the replacement was a dud and I'm crying under my desk. UPDATE: IT WORKS!