

# Laure Ferlita's

## PAINTING A NAUTILUS SHELL'S STORY

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Every shell has a story and it's ours to tell...or keep secret! When dealing with a highly recognizable object, it is fun to use just about every color in the paint box than to stick to reality. After all, I have a photo and regardless of the color, the object will still be easily recognized. By using a fun but non-traditional art supply, the shading is pearlescent (unfortunately, pearlescent shine doesn't show well in photographs), and all that fun shimmer adds another layer of fun to the page! This non-traditional art supply is one you'll be reaching for again and again. (For more info, please check the optional supplies on the supply list, but I'll give you a hint...you find it on the make-up aisle.) So come and join me for some nautilus fun!



### Watercolor

STUDENT EXPERIENCE LEVEL:

ALL SKILL LEVELS

**SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 9TH  
9AM - 12:30PM**

**\$35** PER STUDENT

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# SUPPLY LIST

- 5.5" x 8.5," 7" x 7" or 7" x 10" Watercolor Sketchbook (For someone just getting started I recommend Stillman & Birn Beta Sketchbook, 5.5" x 8.5")
- Mechanical Pencil OR a No. 2 pencil and sharpener
- White Uni-ball® Signo Pen
- Kneaded Eraser\*
- Large waterbrush OR a Large round watercolor brush, Size 7 or 8
- Small tipped waterbrush OR a round watercolor brush, Size 1 or 2
- Set of watercolor pencils for the lettering\*\*
- Facial Tissues\*
- Small Watercolor Set - A small travel set like Koi or Winsor and Newton is fine. If you do not have a travel set, please be sure paint is out on a palette and ready to go rather than in tubes.

## **Optional Supplies:**

- Inexpensive powder pearlescent eye shadow in shades of blues, greens, pinks, and violets. I purchased a couple of sets from the Dollar Store. The brand was L.A. Colors. (Cream eye shadows will not work well.)
- Foam makeup sponge, any shape
- 3 -4 Cotton buds (Q-Tips)

\*Please note, it is important to have a kneaded eraser for this project.

\*\*Watercolor pencils are actually optional, but they are what I used in my project for my lettering. If you would rather use pens or your paintbrush, you can do that as well. Pen Recommendations: Faber Castell® Pitt® Pens, Pigma® Micron® and Prismacolor all make a wide range of permanent colored markers. Be very careful of using Sharpie® markers as they can bleed through your paper months after you use them. Tombow pens can also be used but are not permanent. Supplies I Will Be Using I will be using nearly every watercolor on my palette. I also used several different colors of watercolor pencils from several brands that worked with the colors found in my shell. A set of 12 would be sufficient or you can buy open-stock pencils at Keeton's to coordinate with your project. Again, if you have pens you would rather use than watercolor pencils, that works as well.