

WIDE RAINBOW LESSONS: Artist Beatriz Milhazes

ARTIST INTRO:

Beatriz Milhazes (b. 1960) is a Brazilian artist that lives and works in Rio de Janeiro known for her colorful and layered paintings, drawings, and collage. Milhazes takes inspiration from Brazilian culture, modern and baroque art, nature, and geometric forms. Mixing fine and decorative art with spontaneity and structure. She is considered as one of the most important Brazilian artists and began her career in education as a painting teacher. Milhazes is now exhibited internationally. Recognized for her unique floral motifs and vivid works of art.

ARTWORK:



WORKSHOP:

Let's take inspiration from nature and Beatriz Milhazes to create colorful collage paintings with a simple transfer technique!

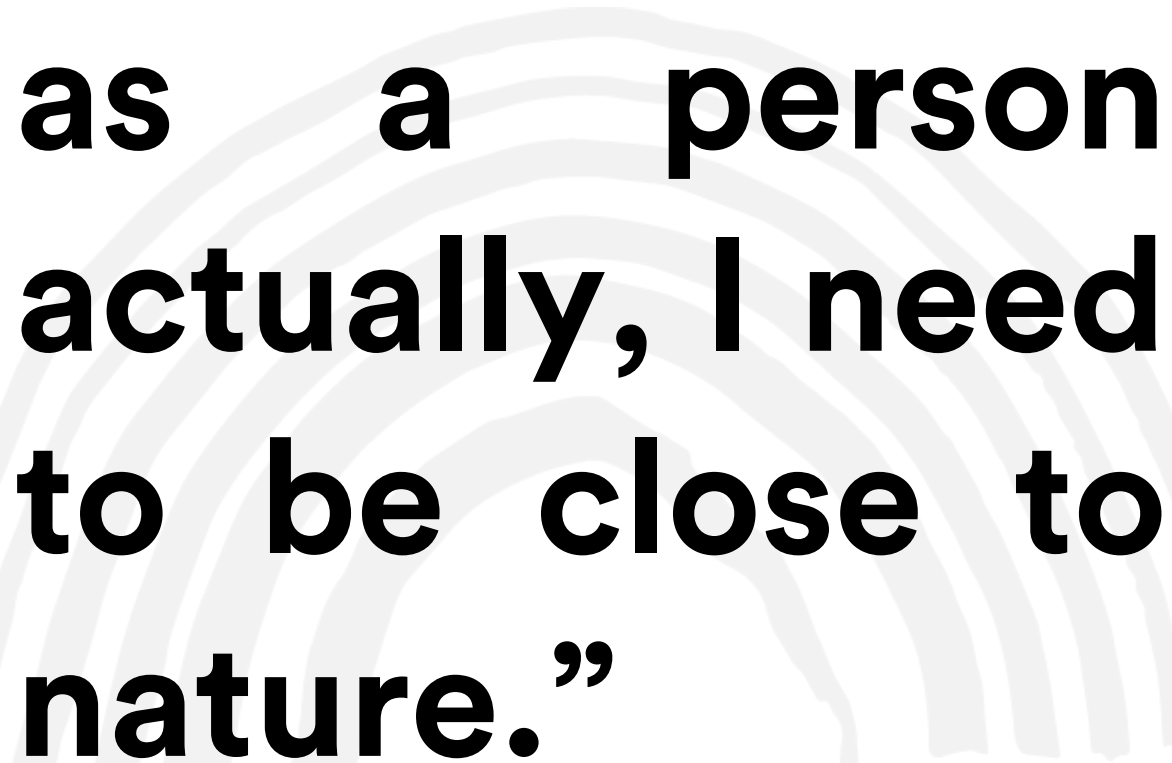
1. Use nature as inspiration for your painting
2. Start by going outside and finding things in nature that you are drawn to
Ex: flowers, leaves, colors, or interesting shapes
3. With a found piece of plastic begin by painting your first shape on it
4. Use a good amount of acrylic paint layered and let the paint dry
5. Once dry, gently pull off your shape to create your first painted *decal*
6. Continue to paint different shapes or objects, let dry, and then pull off
7. Get creative with different colors, shapes, and sizes
8. Begin to transfer and collage your shapes on to your paper
9. Move things around and glue down your shapes
10. Fill your entire artwork with color, shapes, and things inspired by nature
11. Share with friends, family, and loved ones!

MATERIALS:

- Acrylic Paint
- Brushes
- Plastic (Found)
- Glue
- Paper



Beatriz Milhazes
Dancing 2007
Acrylic paint on canvas
97 1/4 × 137 13/16 in



**“As an artist,
as a person
actually, I need
to be close to
nature.”**

**- Beatriz
Milhazes**

FOLLOW UP:

What inspired you when you went outside?

Were there any shapes or colors you were drawn too? Why?

Did you enjoy the painting and transfer process?

What did you most prefer? Collage or painting?

Why is nature important to you? Important to art?

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