



## Walk-Through Art

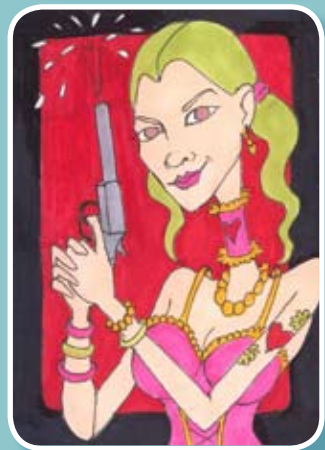
### Markers and Colored Pencils

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I normally start off with a loose pencil sketch for my cards. I try to use an HB because it's light and still fairly easy to erase. Just don't press too hard!



Once my pencil sketch looks decent enough for me to make sense of, I use a Micron .005 to go over my drawing. Some people prefer to do this at the end but my pencil work is too messy to allow this! Just make sure that your ink is dry before you start adding marker over-top as the ink can and will bleed. A good 30 minutes is usually enough time.



I like to use Prismacolor and Letraset Tria Pantone markers for my base. They're both alcohol based and they both come in the most amazing, big colors. I don't bother with shading, I just lay a flat base of marker color; almost like an 80s cartoon.

If you're new to color, then use a color wheel to help you make complimentary color choices.



Once my base colors are dry, I get to work with my colored pencils. I like to use both Prismacolor brand and Faber-Castell artist grade pencils.

I just start my shading with lighter colors first and then go to a darker color over top. This seems to work for me. Of course, you can start with darker first but it's harder to fix mistakes.





My next step is to just continue on with the colored pencil shading and build up some depth . I do the same sort of thing on the background too.

Once all of the colored pencil work is complete, I usually take a colorless blender pencil and smooth things out. You can do the same thing with a paper stump blender too.



I often use gel pens and other markers to add whimsical elements like swirls, dots, flowers, etc. And of course, eye make-up.

Once I have those elements added, I usually take a thicker ball pen and outline my figures. I do this to achieve a thicker ink line to make my characters stand out from the background. I don't use the thick on all previous lines, just the outside.



Add your gel pen and other marker elements and voila! Pretty ladies!

