



Hi everyone and welcome to this creative challenge!

This month, is all about the beautifully bold and vibrant hibiscus flower. Here on the Costa del Sol, we have these gorgeous flowers in abundance in reds, peaches, yellows, pinks and beautiful combination.

Our Creative Costa images above were taken around the gardens and areas where I live. There is a beautiful large hibiscus bush on the way to the beach, which I love to walk past and gather up the buds that fall. I often make a nature mandala from hibiscus buds also!



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JOURNAL PROMPTS: Before you start creating, take some time to connect to these flowers, the shapes, the colours, what they might smell like, rain on the petals, buds, seeds, leaves of the plant. What are the initial thoughts that come to mind when you think of this flower?

The Creative Challenge

This challenge is to create something with the theme of the hibiscus flower or a combo of the colours shown in the palette above. Let's play with the shapes, colours and patterns we see.

THE CHALLENGE: Create your own Hibiscus flower inspired piece.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

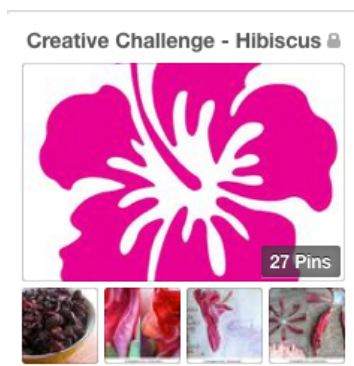
- ❖ Gather photos of hibiscus flowers and share with the group. If you have any where you live, try photographing the different stages of growth, so a bud, blooming bud and fully blossoming flower. OR pick out the shapes and patterns with your macro lens.
- ❖ When you think of this flower, what are the words, feelings and colours that speak to you? Cut these out of magazines or write them out and glue onto your image or just collage them onto a blank piece of paper.
- ❖ With your pencils or paints, create an abstract interpretation of the flower using just 2 colours or outlines of the shapes
- ❖ You can also use the colours or theme to add to an existing project if you would prefer to stick with your current medium.

I am excited to see your creations!

MORE TO COME!

Over the month, I will encourage us all to share our progress with the group using our different materials, so I hope these inspire you to explore further and give you some ideas. All images will be posted into the group here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/creativecostainspired/>



I also set up a Pinterest board with a collection of sunsets from around Spain so if you are craving more sunset image inspiration, here is a lovely eye candy start!

Click here to view the pinterest board

http://www.pinterest.com/louise_gale/creative-challenge-hibiscus/