

MAKING AN ILLUMINATED TEXT

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Luke 1:26-46

THIS IS AN
ILLUMINATED
TEXT.

REALLY, IT'S
JUST A BUNCH
OF DOODLES
AROUND A
BIBLE STORY.

BUT THOSE
DOODLES
HELP TELL THE
STORY.

THEY'RE FUN
TO MAKE, AND
YOU CAN
MAKE ONE,
TOO.

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In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy.'



And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
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and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
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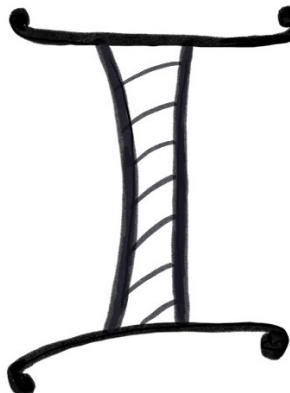
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SOMETIMES I JUST LIKE DECORATING LETTERS WITH SHAPES AND LINES.

AND SOMETIMES I ADD AN IMAGE AT THE END, JUST FOR FUN.

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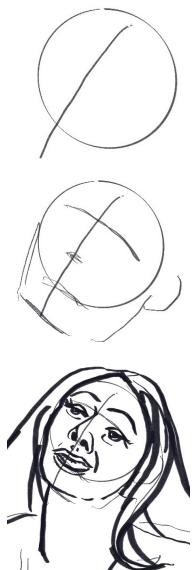
I DREW MARY SINGING THE MAGNIFICAT. SINGING FACES ARE SOMETIMES HARD TO DRAW, ESPECIALLY IF THEY'RE TILTED UP. HERE ARE SOME POINTERS.

IF YOU USE A CIRCLE FOR THE SKULL, YOU CAN SHOW WHICH WAY A FACE IS LOOKING BY CHANGING THE ANGLE OF THE CENTER LINE OF THE FACE AND THE EYE LINE.

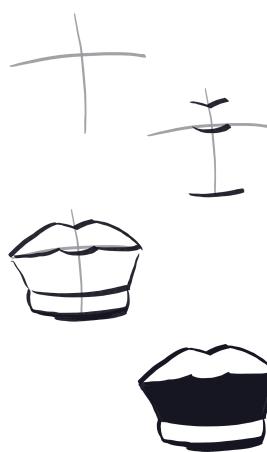
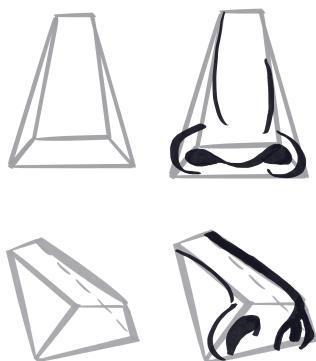
THEN YOU CAN DRAW IN A LINE FOR THE NOSE, A LINE FOR THE MOUTH, AND A JAW LINE AND EAR.

USE THESE GUIDES TO DRAW IN THE REST OF THE FEATURES.

DRAW MARY'S FACE HERE:



IT'S NOT HARD TO DRAW A NOSE ON A FACE THAT'S LOOKING UP, IF YOU CONCENTRATE ON BASIC SHAPES. THE BASIC SHAPE FOR A NOSE IS MADE OF TWO TRAPEZOIDS AND TWO TRIANGLES. TIP THE SHAPE UP, AND THE NOSE WILL LOOK RIGHT.



DRAWING A SINGING MOUTH IS EASY, TOO. START WITH A CROSS SHAPE. ADD TWO Vs FOR THE TOP LIP AND A CURVE FOR THE BOTTOM LIP. DRAW IN THE CONNECTING LINES. ERASE THE CROSS SHAPE AND FILL IN THE MOUTH.

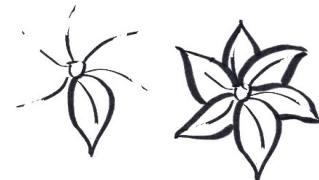
IN PAINTINGS, MARY OFTEN HOLDS A LILY AS A SYMBOL OF PURITY, SO I HAD HER HOLD ONE AND ADDED SOME MORE LILIES TO MY DESIGN.

1. START BY DRAWING A CIRCLE WITH SIX SQUIGGLY LINES.



DRAW YOUR OWN LILY DESIGN HERE:

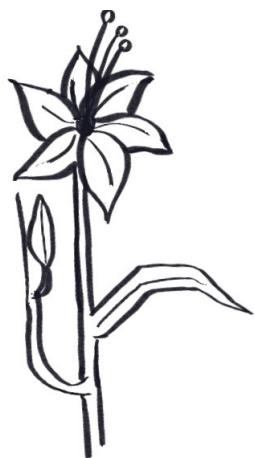
2. START DRAWING PETALS AROUND THE LINES.



3. DRAW THREE PISTILS (THREE FOR THE TRINITY).



4. ADD A STEM. IT CAN BE EITHER SIMPLE OR FANCY.



ON THE NEXT PAGE I'LL GIVE YOU THE WORDS OF THE STORY SO THAT YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN ILLUMINATION.

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