

# keepsakes

## ART STUDIO

Christmas in July 2025 Watercolour designs by Debbie Eckmier

Recording will be uploaded on Tuesday and Thursday at noon.

Ask questions – Debbie will be there to answer online in the FB chat

### Photo of finished projects



### Supplies:

#### Paint:

Any brand of watercolour paint is fine.

The set I recommend for beginners is Mei Liang and it's found on Amazon.ca. It doesn't seem to be available at the moment. I got the 36 colour set. The following set is the same set but with extras offered as a kit.

[https://www.amazon.ca/MeiLiang-Watercolor-Watercolors-Handheld-Organizer/dp/B0DQXZHFJD/ref=sr\\_1\\_5?crid=2ZVGYKRE02VN4&dib=eyJ2ljojMSJ9.Qgukh8nz8\\_nZ4Q9orl\\_XsYwhBcn0SNFHbLn4w5ounPd6ylmDbiu\\_1GNkFE41v45ci3a\\_fCC71vc7IOuRbRSaf1BGqXP8k1s3XILCZZbhEo6-8h9r0fZisWvYsB1zD4UDjjnsawoVgPxcR\\_JR2ugtErQ9b9s\\_y4pT6hUSK5PyoKqpvfExb5OIu8EYXZY1RtLUKncsGqOjjBOFbr-\\_dmqbZ69vUhiAPzrmEwl6DZjaGtZEsLJfBLD3Mo2tJWo2scOInjxAA5w-VO9NosfePtGoi3RGLpb2sxagbNcdiwoyZE.8gMqczGoWDpVI8KOhtF9VWmECdz093tB48rO2VxQK4&dib\\_tag=se&keywords=mei%2Bliang%2B36%2Bwatercolor%2Bpaint%2Bset&qid=1752781144&sprefix=%2Caps%2C132&sr=8-5&th=1](https://www.amazon.ca/MeiLiang-Watercolor-Watercolors-Handheld-Organizer/dp/B0DQXZHFJD/ref=sr_1_5?crid=2ZVGYKRE02VN4&dib=eyJ2ljojMSJ9.Qgukh8nz8_nZ4Q9orl_XsYwhBcn0SNFHbLn4w5ounPd6ylmDbiu_1GNkFE41v45ci3a_fCC71vc7IOuRbRSaf1BGqXP8k1s3XILCZZbhEo6-8h9r0fZisWvYsB1zD4UDjjnsawoVgPxcR_JR2ugtErQ9b9s_y4pT6hUSK5PyoKqpvfExb5OIu8EYXZY1RtLUKncsGqOjjBOFbr-_dmqbZ69vUhiAPzrmEwl6DZjaGtZEsLJfBLD3Mo2tJWo2scOInjxAA5w-VO9NosfePtGoi3RGLpb2sxagbNcdiwoyZE.8gMqczGoWDpVI8KOhtF9VWmECdz093tB48rO2VxQK4&dib_tag=se&keywords=mei%2Bliang%2B36%2Bwatercolor%2Bpaint%2Bset&qid=1752781144&sprefix=%2Caps%2C132&sr=8-5&th=1)

OR you can use any inexpensive watercolour set – for example a kids Crayola set works fine too for cards that will not become heritage items.

**Surface:**

Paper is SO important. To make it easy on yourself **it should have some cotton content.**

I'm suggesting Strathmore watercolour cards and envelopes. You can purchase them in Michaels or online – or in another art store.

OR you can get Canson or Strathmore watercolour paper in pads. A 9x12 will make 2 cards for each sheet but then you won't have envelopes. I prefer Strathmore.

**Brushes: Can be watercolour brushes or a synthetic brush that you can use for acrylics also.**

Large flat – 1" or ¾"

Medium/small flat – 10 or 8 flat

Round #2

Liner #10/0

I like Dynasty Black Gold. Some stores carry them, some don't

**Other Materials needed:**

Water bucket or plastic tubs – to clean brushes – one side for clean, one for dirty water

Grey graphite paper – or make your own by scribbling with a pencil on the back side of a sheet of tracing paper. For watercolour making your own is preferable. The commercial graphite paper is too dark.

Another sheet of tracing paper to trace the patterns onto

Hair dryer

Paper towels

Green painters tape for holding your cards steady as you paint

A piece of corrugated plastic – also found in Michaels in the kid's art section.

OR a hard plastic surface such as you might use to attach drawing paper to. Hardboard is great too.

You need something to mix paint on. A china plate works great or you can purchase small plastic trays for watercolour mixes.

Stylus (optional) for tracing – can use a ballpoint pen

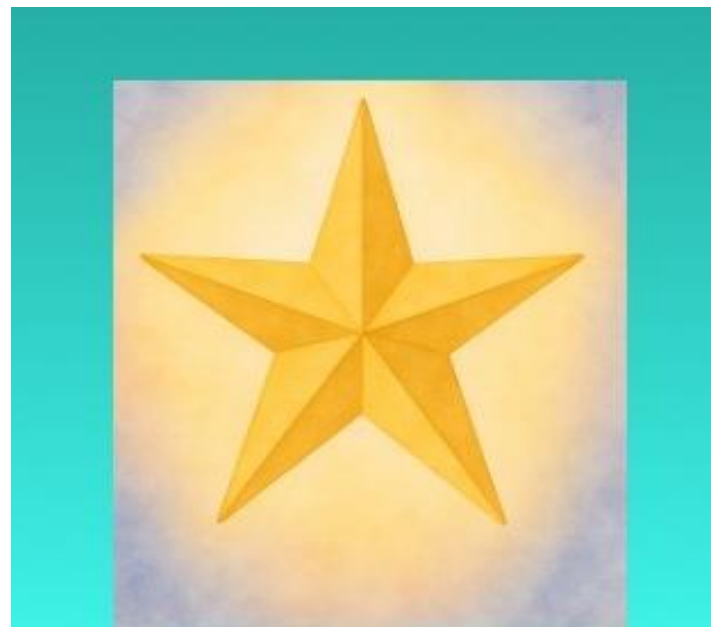
**Video link: Will be on Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/KeepsakesArtStudio/> (my Biz page) on Monday, Wed & Friday 12 pm( where you will be able to find it easily in the video tab at the top) and then afterwards will be shared into

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KeepsakesPaintPartyCommunity> (my FB Community group)

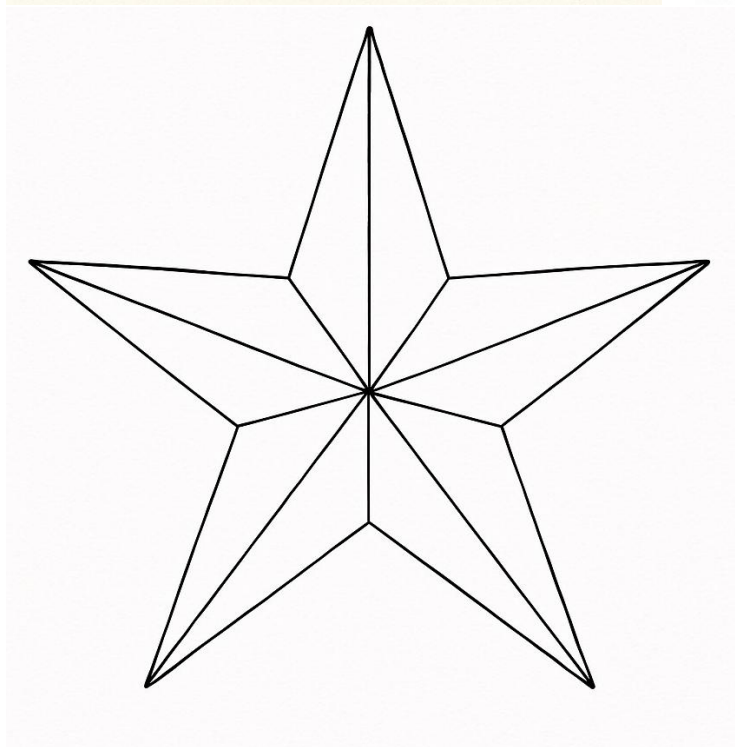
The video, and patterns with supplies list and line drawings will remain in this group for 3 months – you will find it easily in GUIDES in the top menu and then later will be transferred onto my website [www.keepsakesartstudio.com](http://www.keepsakesartstudio.com)

Photo of projects



### Patterns for all 3 Watercolour patterns

Print these out and center on the cards. You might have to enlarge or reduce them a little bit to fit.



**Painting Instructions: on the video step by step**

**Tuesday : Joy Wreath and Star**

**Thursday: Snowy landscape**

Add your name or initials and enjoy

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