

Studio Talk

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Painting Flowers



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Red & Yellow Sunflowers, 29" x 23"
Framed Watercolor \$650

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Flowers invite close inspection. The more you look, the more you see. Maybe because they depend on appealing to the tiny eyes of bees, flowers have evolved a feast of detail, while at the same time their overall shapes are pleasingly simple and symmetrical.

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Poppies Tile, 6" x 6", \$49.95



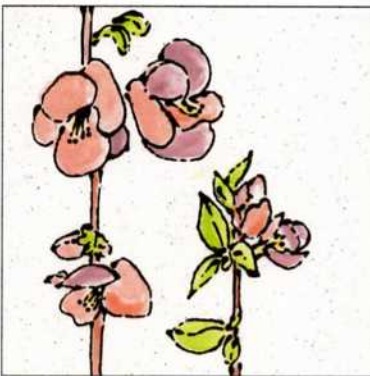
Tulips Tile, 6" x 6", \$49.95



Daffodils, 16" x 12"
Matted watercolor \$285



Yellow Rose Tile, 6" x 6", \$49.95



Flowering Quince Tile, 6" x 6", \$49.95

Flowers require focus and concentration to paint. But like clouds, the variation in shapes allows a certain freedom and pleasing repetition. Surprisingly, tulips will move around and shift toward the light as they are being painted.

The delicacy of watercolor is perfectly suited to painting the essence of flowers. I often use a technique where I draw the forms first with a fine ink line. This gives extra detail to the flowers which I will paint with realistic colors. A simple background enhances the beauty of the forms.

When creating floral designs for ceramic tiles, I draw to scale in ink and colored pencil, transfer the design onto a pre-fired tile, and paint with ceramic glazes. Tiles are then dipped in a clear shiny glaze, to make them waterproof, and fired again in the kiln.



Red and Yellow Tulips, Framed Watercolor 22" x 30", \$695

