

## ART DECO ROSES FOR VALENTINES

Last month (January 2021) I found an excellent article on Art Deco Roses in the Journal of the WestCoast Calligraphy Society and thought that with a slight 'jiggle' these roses could have a red heart at their centers, and could be used to decorate Valentines.

To draw and paint these roses, use good watercolor paper, a pencil, watercolors (not gouache which may smudge), a small fine round paintbrush with a good point, and a kneaded eraser to erase the pencil lines (tease one end to a point).

Draft your rose lightly with pencil: it can basically be round, square or triangular. Section it as shown below and you can use a heart shape at the center if you like.



Paint each section, varying the color for each 'petal' leaving a white 'moat' where the pencil lines are. When the paint is completely dry use the kneaded eraser to remove the pencil lines.

These are imaginary flowers, and so you will need to dream up some imaginary stems and leaves (if necessary) to complete them.

LIGHT  
TOMORROW

WITH  
TODAY

Elizabeth  
Barnett  
Browning

HAPPY  
ST. VALENTINE'S  
DAY 2021

