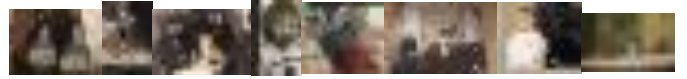


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a paint-by-number poem
by Sherilyn Rudney

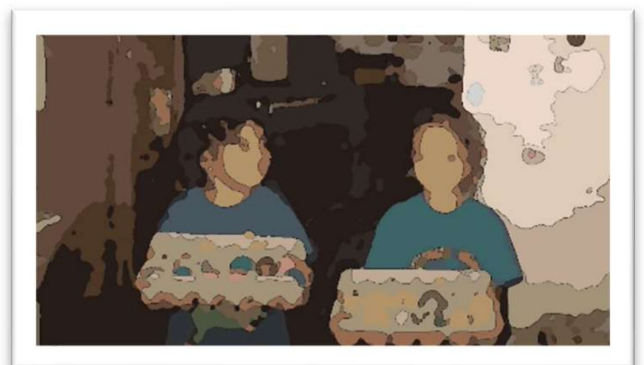
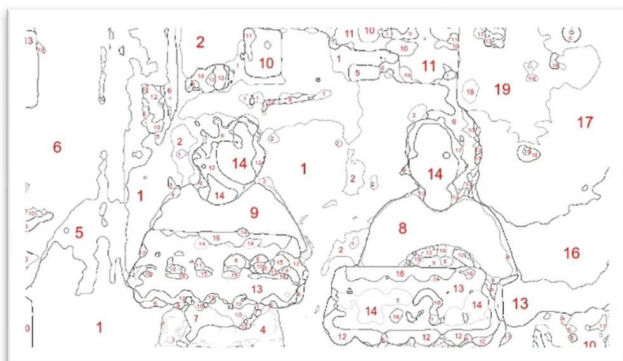
Paint

The paints are the gateways to the memories we created when we were young. The canvas – tightly bound and prepped – expected us. Smoothly sweeping our brushstrokes we created our world.

Unsnap the paint pot.

Stir the paint before it's applied. If it's too thick, add a tear and mix it well. Please be certain to cover when not in use. A dream deferred will ruin your scheme.

Use caution during application. The paint may permanently stain your skin. Now mix the colors and experiment. The sky's the limit – your stage is set. Mix and mix until your heart's content – use egg cartons, cups, or plastic lids. If you spill it won't matter. Gamma will hug you and tell you it's ok. While mommy cleans up after you the rest of the day –

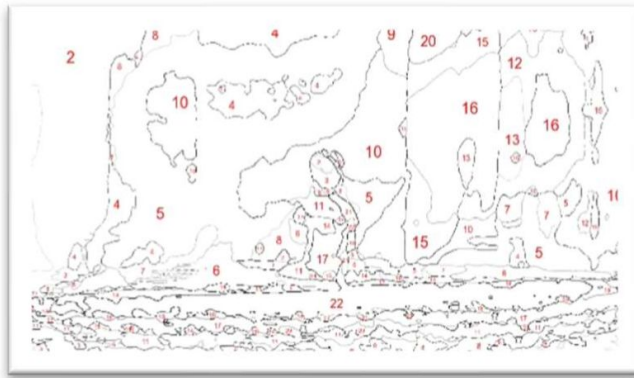


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Brush

Stippled, tapped, stamped, & dabbed the canvas until you were satisfied.

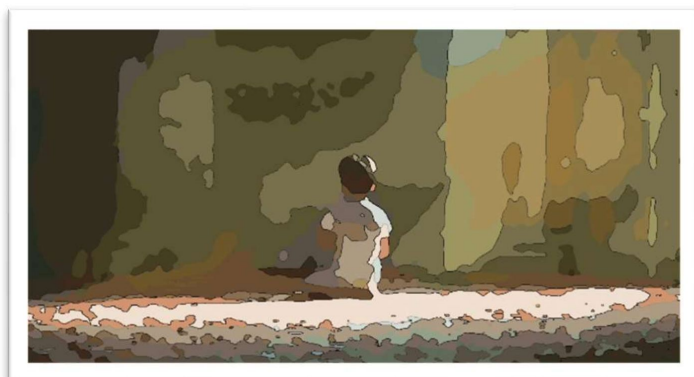
Tracing the edges

of my toes your little fingers guided you – perfectly. The silky black hair I'd sweep from your face, and plump chubby cheeks stained from the wind. Swirling and streaming your brush all around your artist plot enchanted us for hours as we watched you scale the couch and pounce onto the pillows below.

COWABUNGA-COWABUNGA & Mighty Morphin Power Rangers – that's all we ever heard. And if you break something it won't matter.

Gamma will kiss you and tell you it's ok.

While mommy cleans up after you the rest of the day –

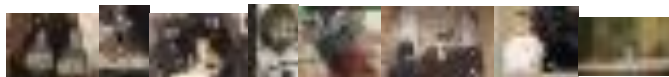


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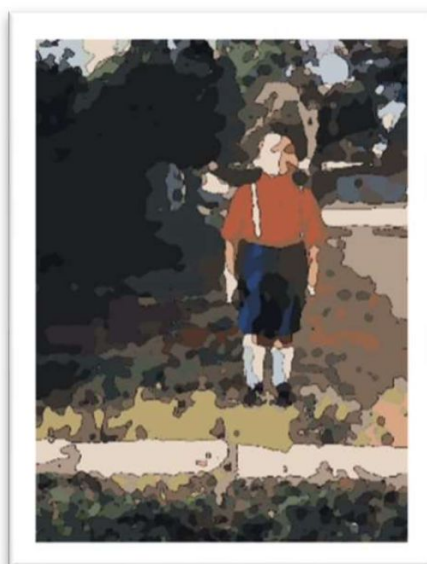
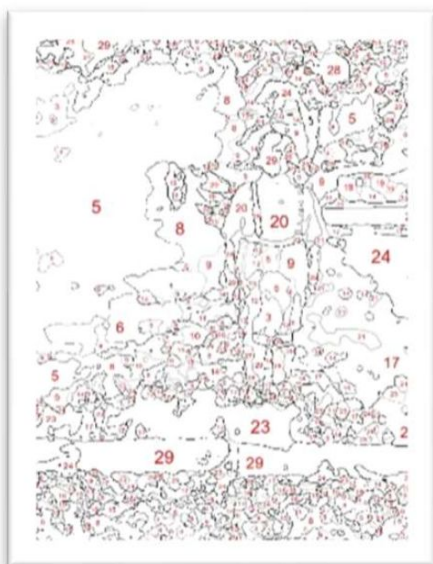
Board & Chart

The numbers on the board and chart indicate fading memories. Letters represent the process to keep them alive. The memories to use for the mixes are listed in the key. The first number on each pot is the faded memory.

The number in parentheses identifies a story. You will need to send me the code if you cannot remember the story.

Techniques

I recalled the sweeping magic memories across the canvas when we celebrated you. A hundred thousand million flashes and photos are never out of sight. I keep them close and look at them often never wanting to forget. You. Her. Dear son, please do remember and call on these memories when you're feeling sullen. Someday, mommy will greet you and tell you it's ok. The memories that faded will be stored for another day.

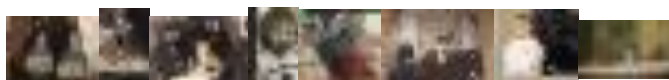


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Color Key

8,9,12,13,14: Love. Admiration. Shyness. Affection. Enamor.

5,6,8,23,24: Confidence. Excitement. Anxious. Happy. Cute.

2,4,6,10,15,16,17: Happy. Cheeky. Delight. Mischievous. Gregarious. Humorous. Knowing.

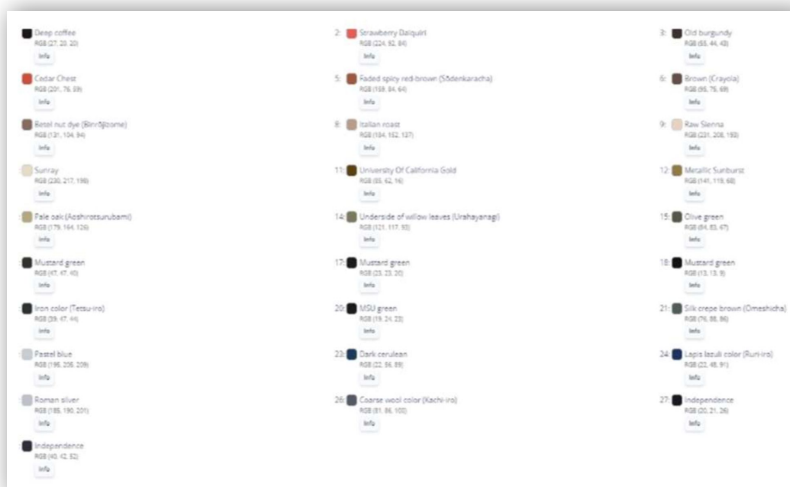
2,3,6,7,10,14,18,20: Chubby. Cheeks. Innocence. Reflection. Baby. Boy.

2,5,6,7,11,12,14,15,20,22: Inquisitive. Insightful. Curious. Silky. Black. Hair. Angelic. Messy.

12,13,19,29,16,17,18: Pride. Independence. Charisma. Confidence. Athleticism. Defiance.

1,2,5,6,9,15,17,25: Comfort. Admiration. Protection. Compassion. Joy. Relief. Pride. Beginning.

3,4,5,8,10,13,15,17,18,19,20: Tranquility. Empathy. Tenderness. Solitude. Poise. Understanding. Serenity. Grateful. Caring. Insightful. Aware.



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