

# Developing Sketchbooks Online workshop with Dionne Swift

## Review and Build

Today is the last day of videos and information...AHHH!



### TASK

- Re-compose the visual story of our book. I first did this as part of my MA Textiles [UCE, Birmingham, UK] when my thinking was progressing at such a fast rate and I needed to alter the visual reading of my work. New ideas kept coming thick and fast: by using a similar method to this I was able to constantly amend my design folder/ideas book.
- Build colour stories, compositional connections – show a natural flow.
- It's a good idea to write notes to remind you of these exercises as well. You'll notice I don't do this for you – how many times have you been given handouts that you just file & never read?? Writing the

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notes yourself helps them to sink in. Stick them into the book if you like.

- Strengthen any perforated edges with masking tape.
- Upload images and support your fellow students with positive commentary on their work – they will reciprocate.

## SUGGESTIONS

- Consider how you can relate the techniques you've used over the last 7 days, to another theme. What will you be working on next & how you plan to start? Discuss this in the Facebook group & get a collection of thoughts.
- You now have a 'visual dictionary' which you can refer to for techniques and exercises to generate ideas – there is no need to be stuck again.
- Look back through any books you created in the past. Are there any unresolved areas? Great ideas you had, that have been forgotten? I still review and use MA work from over 17 years ago [goodness that makes me feel old!]. It was such an intense time that more ideas came forward than I was able to explore at the time.
- Look back through this book in 12 months time – set a reminder on your phone/PC now! What will you re-visit I wonder?

If you have enjoyed this workshop, please help me spread the word that learning ONLINE can be a great alternative to the regular studio situation. If you have any suggestions or thoughts please let me know & if you mention the workshops on your blog [please don't give too much away!] let me know & I'll add information & a link from my Blog/feedback page 😊

In due course I shall be sending you a little survey form via email to ask your thoughts on the experience but if you have any comments in the meantime, please feel free to email me – I hope you'll let your friends and colleagues know about the wonders of online learning & point them in my direction 😊

I look forward to working with you again during another ONLINE experience. Dionne 😊