

December 2013

“Timeline Journal the Giraffe”

Hello!

I thought it would be fun to finish our year together by making an art journal. Specifically, a **timeline** art journal, where you can chronicle your giraffe journey month by month.

Or... not!

Even if you fell behind (as all of us did at one time or another), you still have a year behind you to document: vacations, classes you took, other art you made, birthday celebrations... you can just make your timeline journal about your year in general (as it still occurred during the “Year of the Giraffe”).

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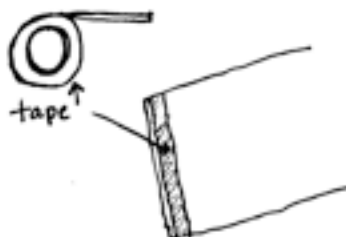
Timeline Journal

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- ① Tear or cut two pieces of watercolor paper down to 7.5" x 22"

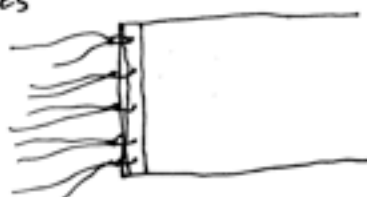


- ② With decorative or masking tape, cover one end of each paper:



- ③ Punch five evenly spaced holes about 1/4" from the edges of the paper:

Using the first as a template, punch five holes in the second piece of paper. Then cut 10 pieces of yarn or string about 8" long and tie one to a hole with a square knot:

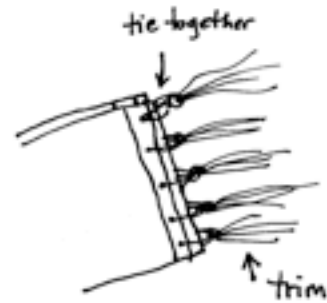


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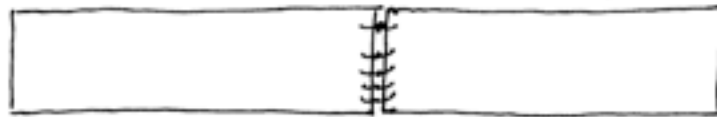
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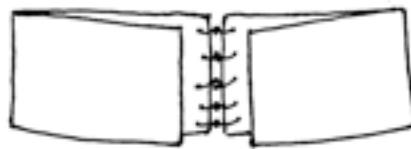
- ④ Place 2 sheets together and tie together (five square knots). Trim.



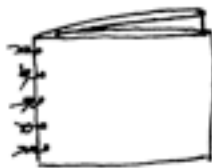
- ⑤ Your journal will look like this:



Now fold each edge in to about 1" from center:



Then fold center to create your book:



- ⑥ Now open your journal, divide your space up, and start drawing, painting, gluing + labeling!

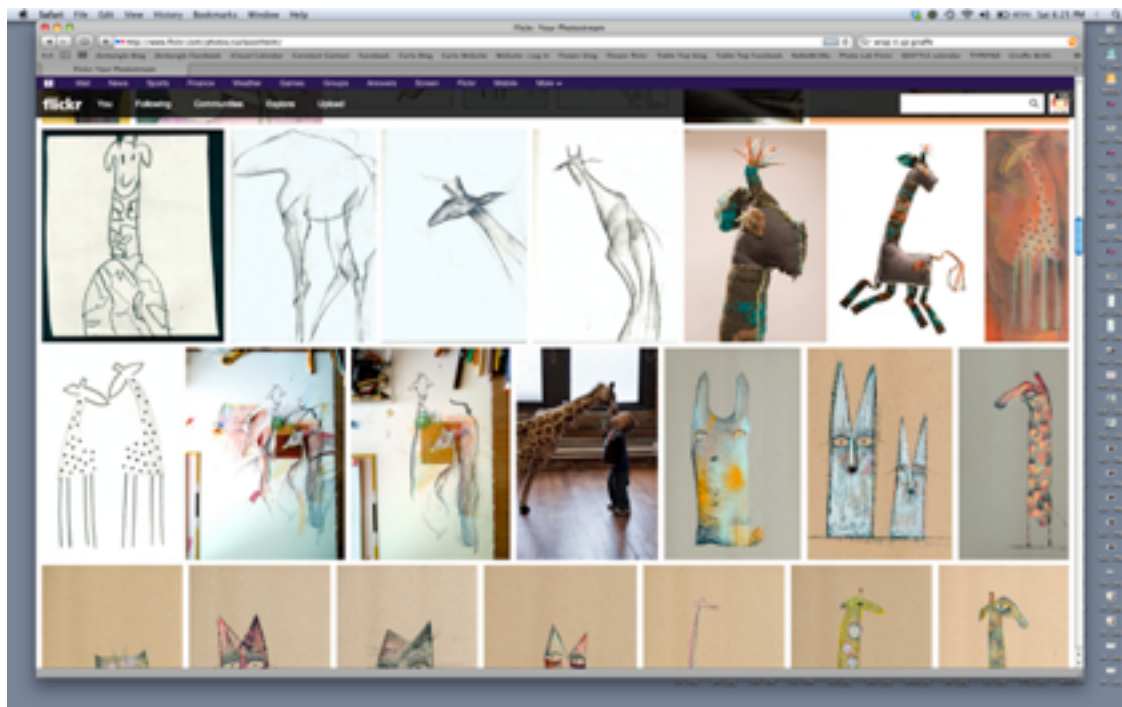
Once your journal is made, you can set to filling it up, timeline style!

A link to some timeline images:

<http://www.google.com/search?q=timelines&client=safari&rls=en&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=7uOaUtbUKsvqoASJo4KwBA&ved=0CDkQsAQ&biw=1515&bih=760>

Filling your Journal Pages

The first thing to do is to print out some images from your year. Since I uploaded most of my giraffe images to flickr, I just took screen captures of the images:

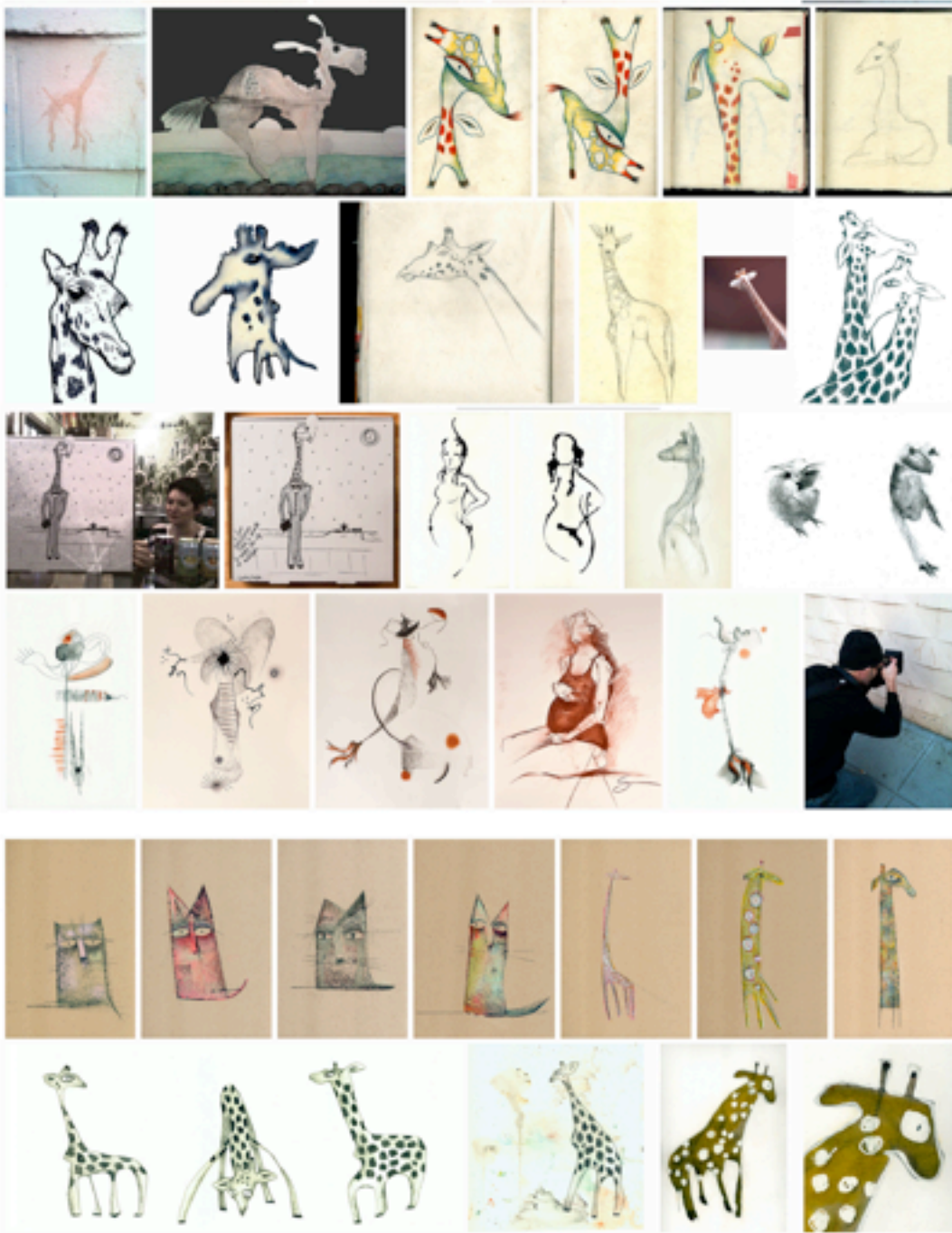


You can also grab images from your blog, facebook, or your sketchbooks!

I then combined and resized my screen captures to fit on one page for easy printing. Each individual image was about 1" wide and 1.5" tall.



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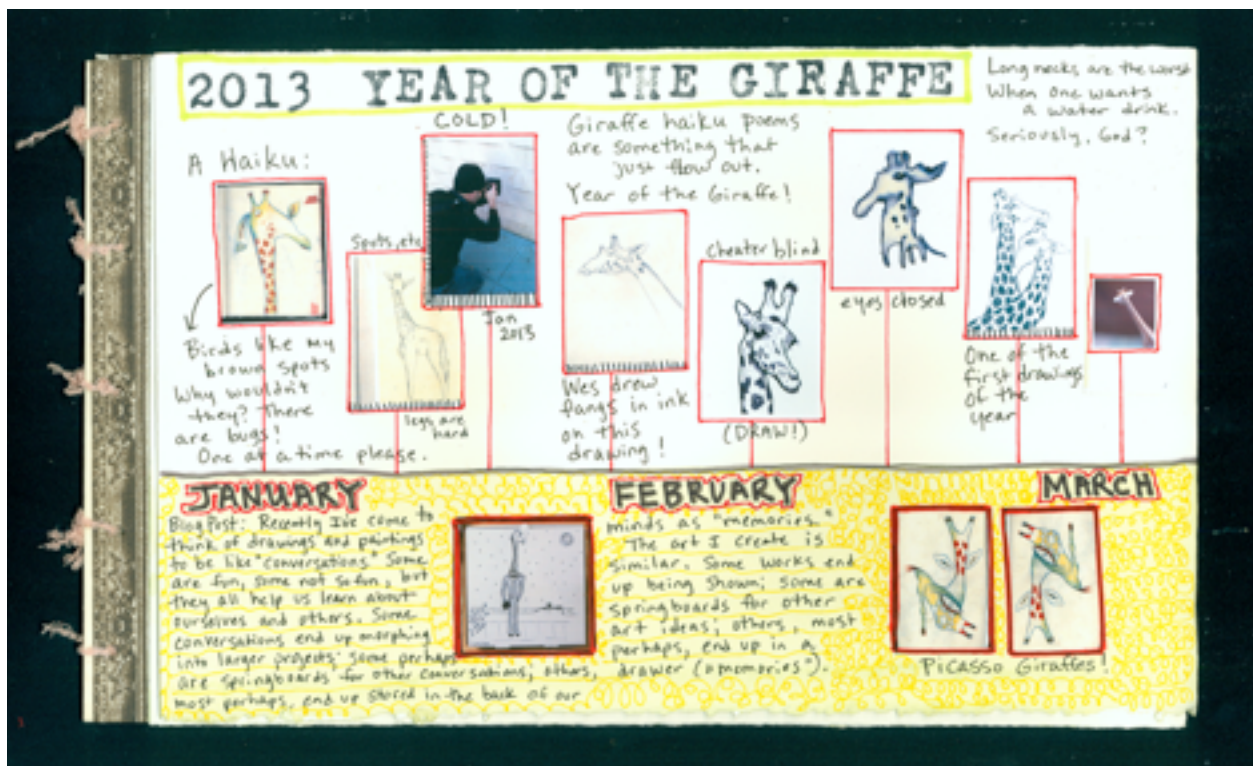


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(Previously are my two printable pages. You'll see I have other images besides giraffes... I just left them in to print as I didn't want to take too much time at the computer cutting and pasting them out. It was easier for me to cut them out traditionally once printed, and now I have a stack of stamp-sized art to do something with!)

After I cut out my little photos and glued them into my timeline, I combed through the work I did throughout the year and found "labels," such as haiku poems I wrote or just thoughts I had as I moved through the material.

Then I "finished" the pages with markers.



On some of the other pages, I threw in some giraffe facts and quotes that I collected throughout the year. They are compiled on the next pages for you to use as well.

I hope you enjoy the time spent reminiscing 2013 and have a great month!

GIRAFFE FACTS

- Giraffes typically only sleep five minutes at a time.
- Giraffes have never been observed bathing.
- While no two spot patterns are exactly alike, giraffes from the same area have similar patterning.
- Giraffes are one of the few animals born with horns.
- Height and excellent eyesight enable giraffes to keep an eye on each other from far away. A dozen may be dispersed over 1/2 mile (0.8 km) of savanna and still be considered to be in a herd.
- NASA space scientists have been studying giraffe skin so they can apply what they learn from it to the construction of spacesuits.
- A giraffe's feet are the size of a dinner plate - 12 inches across.
- Giraffa means "one who walks swiftly."
- The giraffe has the same number of vertebrae in its neck that most other mammals have (seven).
- When giraffes walk, they move both legs on one side of their body and then both legs on the other side; this is unique to giraffes. However, they run in a similar style to other mammals, swinging their rear legs and front legs in unison.
- Giraffes only need to drink once every few days. Most of their water comes from all the plants they eat.

QUOTES

"I'm a giraffe. I even walk like a giraffe with a long neck and legs. It's a pretty dumb animal, mind you." - Sophia Loren

"God is really only another artist. He invented the giraffe, the elephant and the cat. He has no real style, He just goes on trying other things." -Pablo Picasso

"You can't always write a chord ugly enough to say what you want to say, so sometimes you have to rely on a giraffe filled with whipped cream." - Frank Zappa

"I know who I am. No one else knows who I am. If I was a giraffe, and someone said I was a snake, I'd think, no, actually I'm a giraffe." - Richard Gere

"I feel like a giraffe with a hollow bronze leg." - Sir Paul McCartney

"Does the giraffe know what he's for? Or care? Or even think about his place in things? A giraffe has a black tongue twenty-seven inches long and no vocal cords. A giraffe has nothing to say. He just goes on giraffing." — Robert Fulghum, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten

"I found a bro- another brown spot on my shoulder, right here. See? Right th- right there. You see?" — Melman the Giraffe, from Madagascar

"[Tabansi] knew he was a handsome giraffe, much better looking than the zebras." - Everyone Needs a Friend by Margo Fallis

"You need that guy like a giraffe needs strep throat." — Ann Landers

An elephant was drinking out of a river one day, when he spotted a turtle asleep on a log. So, he ambled on over and kicked it clear across the river.

"What did you do that for?" Asked a passing giraffe.

"Because I recognized it as the same turtle that took a nip out of my trunk 53 years ago."

"Wow, what a memory," commented the giraffe.

"Yes," said the elephant, "turtle recall."
