

## Studio Sunday on the Front Steps December 2017 Activity Dedication Page Tea Painting



Create your own "dedication page" inspired by Valeska Soares' For To by tea painting a title page from a famous a children's book printed on watercolor paper and drawing or writing a personal message of gratitude.

For this project you will need:

- Printed title pages from children's books
- Pen and ink
- Paint brush
- Black tea or coffee

Valeska Soares, For To (X) (detail), 2017. Collaged book pages.

## Let's begin!

- 1. Make a copy of a title page from your favorite children's book or design your own.
- 2. Write a message of gratitude to a friend or family member on the title page.
- 3. Tea stain your title page with a paint brush.
- 4. When you are satisfied with the hue, set aside to dry.

## Tips & Tricks

- Painting an "X" on the back of your title page with the tea before you stain it will help the edges of the paper from curling.
- Think about the message you want to write on your title page. Who are you writing it for? Is it a memory? A message of love? Does it relate to the title page of the book you've chosen?
- If you are trying to achieve a darker hue on your title page and the tea is too light, try using brewed coffee instead. If you would like, you could even use both!
- What will you do with your title page after it is dry? Will you give them to those you have written the messages for? If you create several pages, think about displaying in a collage on your wall like Valeska Soares!

