



Ultra Violet

Creative Crush

Shiny Designs

Ultra Violet
Look Book

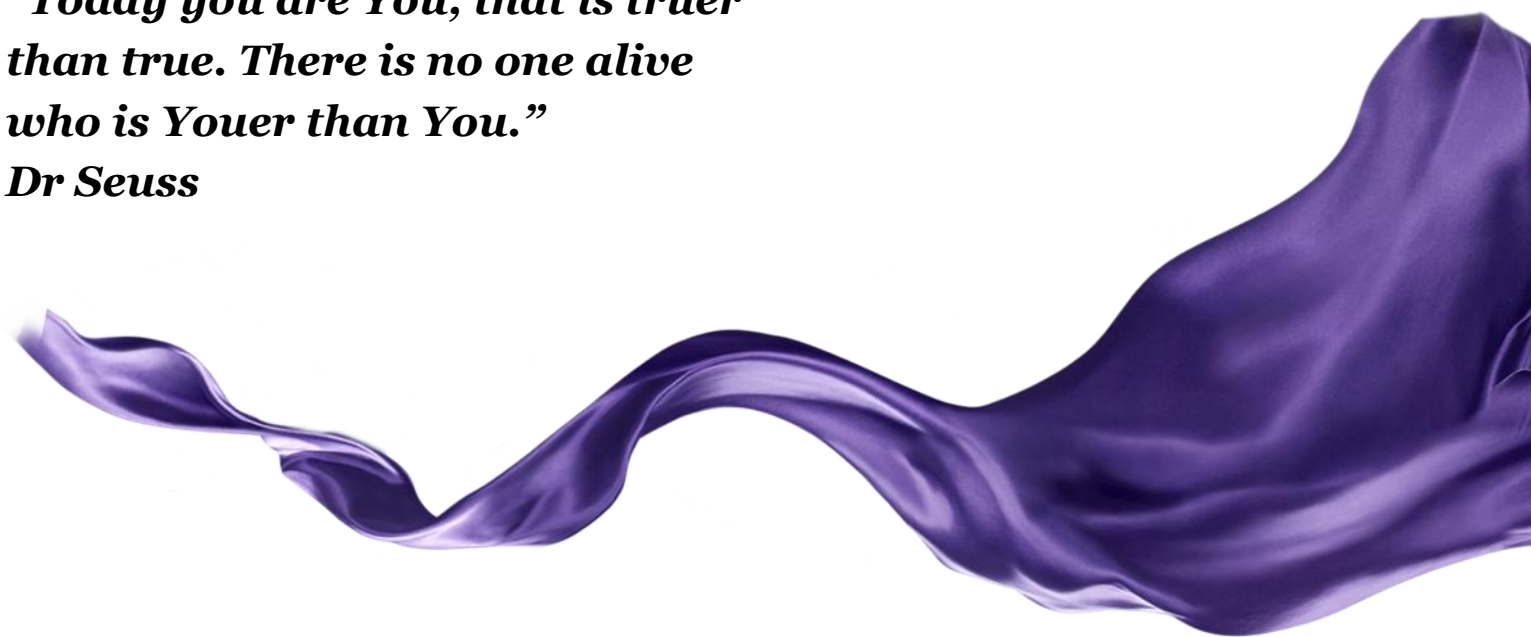
Welcome Ultra Violet! Vivid and bold; soft and demure—Ultra Violet can be whatever you want it to be. Find creative fuel in the new color of the year. Explore the different ways to find inspiration and colorful fun as part of living a creative life.

Whatever your passion—painting, baking, dancing, photography and more—find the inspiration to deepen your creative practice.

Just click to learn more about the featured items and express yourself!

***“Today you are You, that is truer
than true. There is no one alive
who is Youer than You.”***

Dr Seuss



Referral Disclosure: The items in this book are a mix of my own designs and other items I feel are worthy of your time and consideration. I may earn a commission if you decide to purchase from some of these links. I do NOT list products just to get a little money—that would be cheesy.



Color of the Year: Ultra Violet!

Pantone has announced the 2018 Color of the Year and it's Ultra Violet. Love or hate—it's going to be facing you in your creative endeavors so rise to the occasion and use it as creative fuel.



Inspiration: Images and Color Swatches

Sometimes it can be hard getting started with something new. Here's a sampling of inspiration images and possible color combinations with the spirit of Ultra Violet. See how you can work them into your day: in your journal or planner, with colored pencils or pens, rearrange the fruit bowl, change your screen wallpapers...you'll figure it out!



[Get a bonus PDF download with more image swatches here!](#)

Learn Something New!

Creative people are curious people and it's always a good time to learn something new. Check out these classes just waiting for you at Creative Live:

[Fundamentals of Photography](#)

[Learn how to bring your creative vision to fruition.](#)



[Using Color in Home Design](#)

[From House Beautiful Magazine, learn to use color with confidence.](#)



[Hand Lettering 101](#)

[Hand lettering is trending. Get a complete introduction to the artform in this class](#)



Shiny Designs Ultra Violet Collection

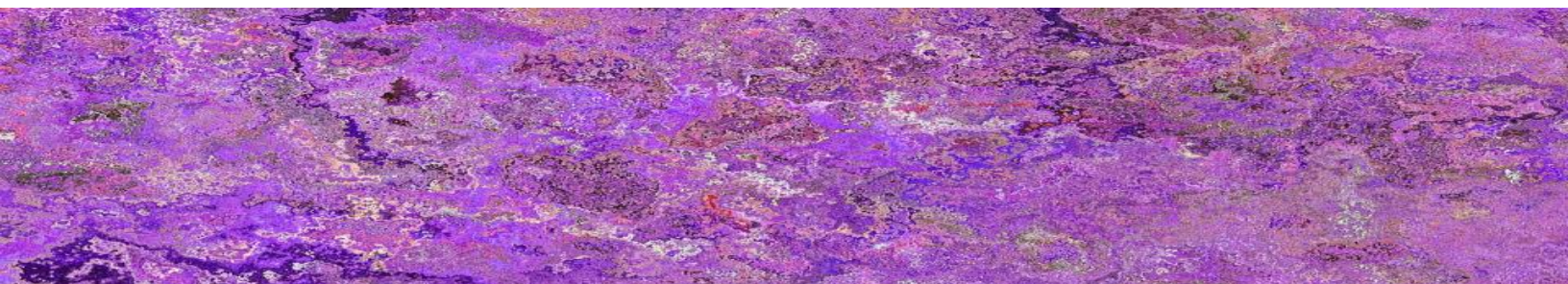
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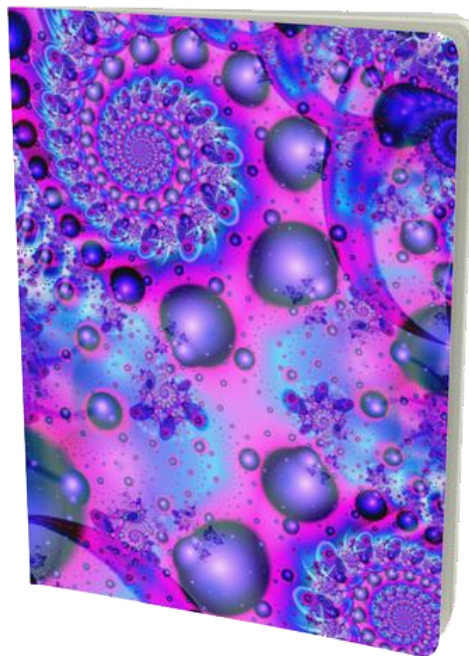
[This modern all over print tote is fun and fresh for all your creative stuff.](#)



[Nothing says Ultra Violet like this Galaxy Mug with actual space printed on it.](#)

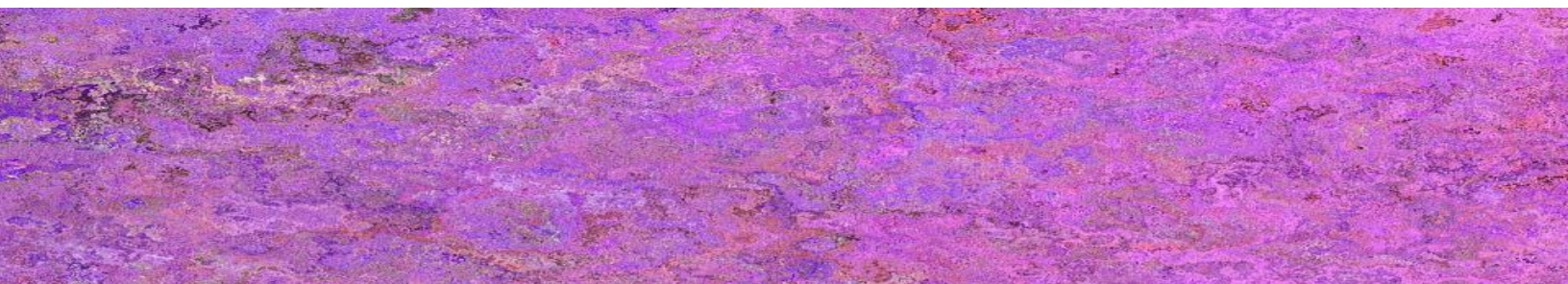


We always need another notebook - why not Ultra Violet inspired?



Turn heads and eyes with these fabulous Ultra Violet swirl leggings

Understated and exactly on trend, this ink swirl bolster adds just the right touch.

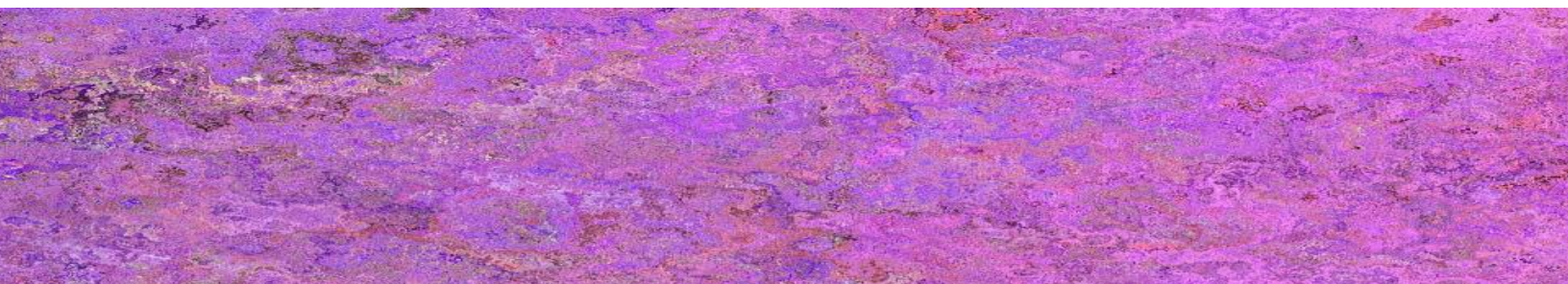


Contemplate these mesmerizing Ultra Violet swirls as you enjoy your favorite drink.



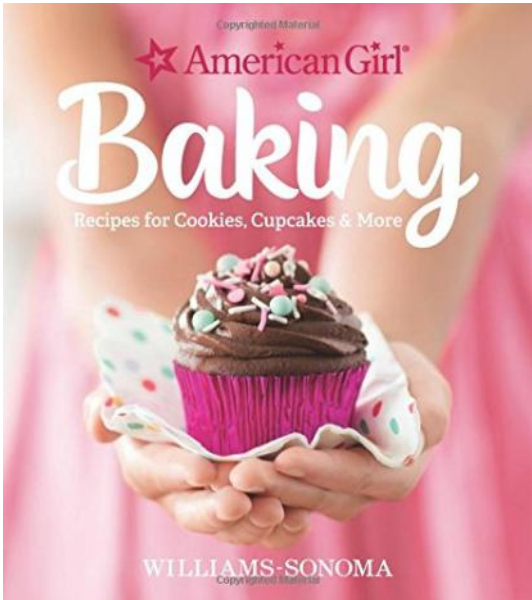
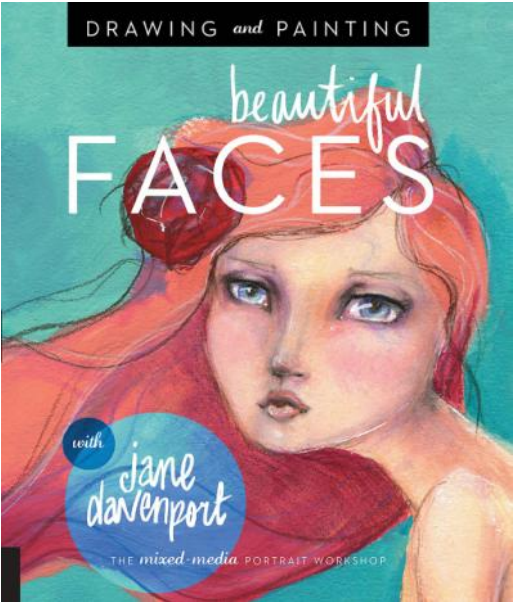
These inky Ultra Violet capri leggings are already in my closet!

This Mid Century Modern ready to hang canvas print has style and on-trend color. Hang it on a white wall for instant impact!



Books—What’s Not to Love?

There’s something wonderful about a real book, with paper pages and everything! Find your new favorite pastime or delve deeper into an old favorite with these finds. Click any one to see the full collection.

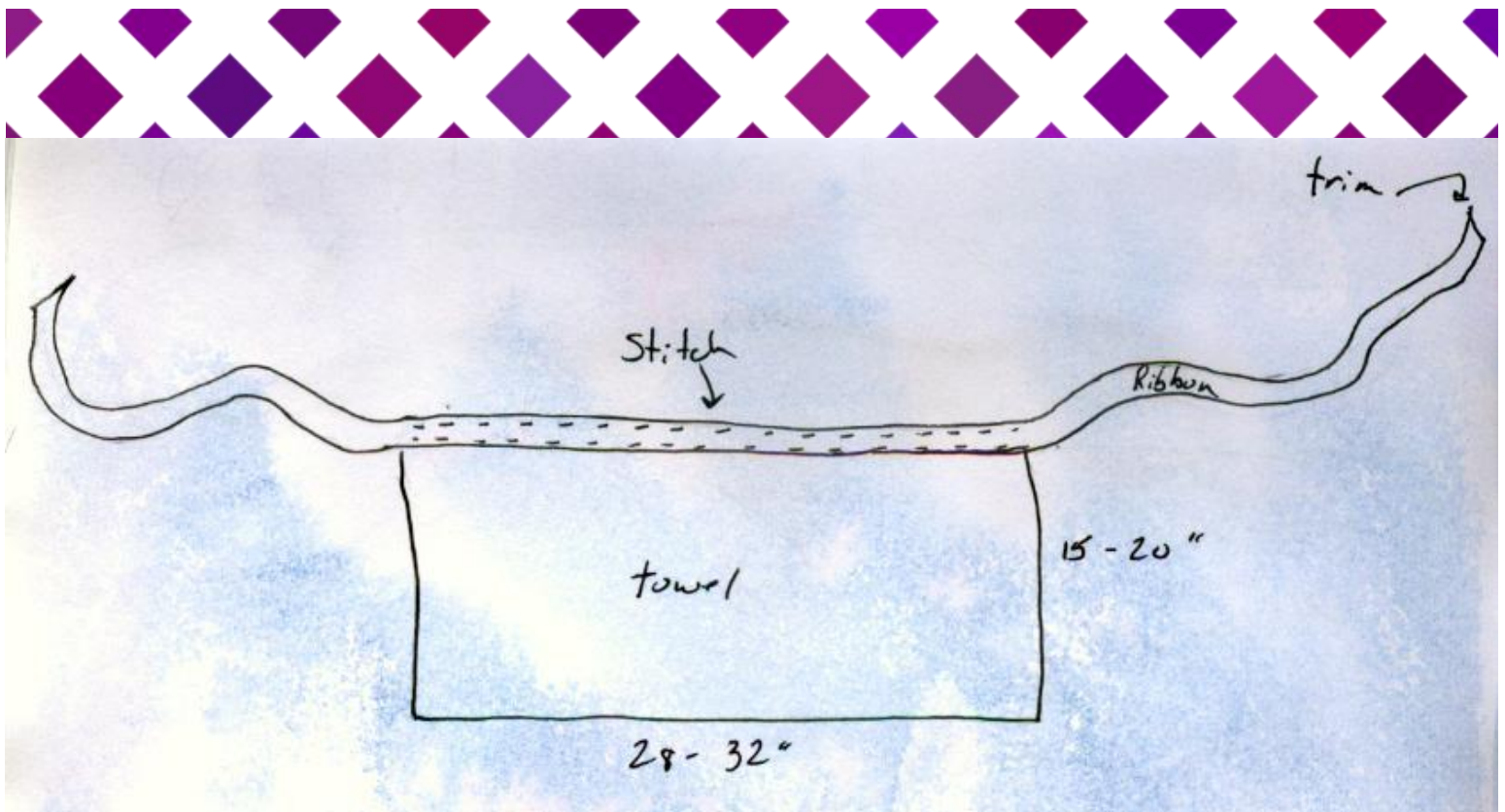


The Fastest Apron in the World

OK, the whole world may be an exaggeration, but this is the fastest way I know to make a utilitarian apron. This is the kind of apron that you can actually use to cook or clean or craft in. And, if you wipe your hands on it, well, that's what it's for!

Start with a tea or dish towel around 18 by 30 inches and a 72 inch length of 1 inch wide grosgrain ribbon. Center the ribbon on top of the towel and sew or glue the ribbon in place. Trim ribbon ends at an angle. Apply fray retardant to the ends if desired.

That's it, apron finished.

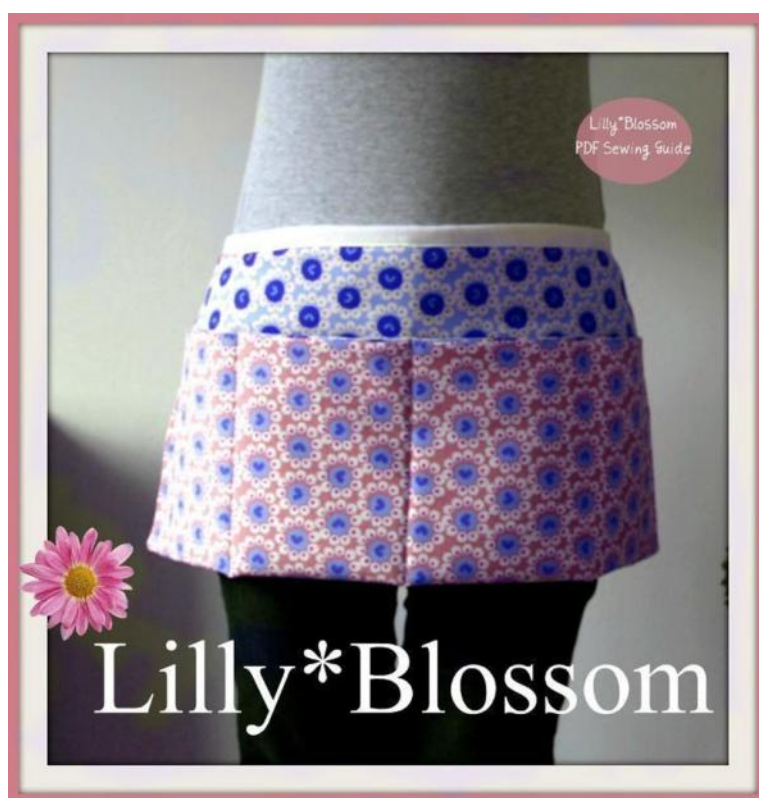


Apron, cont.

If you're like me, here's where you start thinking "I sure would like a pocket or two on this and maybe I could just add a bit of trim." Well, yes, those things would be good. But, then it's become another project to do and will be too nice to use when you finally search out the perfect trim, buy it and get around to attaching it.

Now, tie it around your waist and get to work.

[For a more structured construction experience try this handy pattern Lilly Blossom with multiple pockets—find it at Craftsy.](#)



Journals and Planners with the Ultra Violet Vibe

[Romantic flowers on a feminine journal to tuck in a pocket or bag will make you smile whenever you see them! Folding artisan handmade journal.](#)



[Live your most colorful life with this splashy watercolor style journal from Paper Source](#)

[This Lily Pulitzer Print is exuberant and fun - just like you! 2018 Planner from Paper Source](#)



Guest Curator Wholly Piecemeal's Shiny Picks

[Check out these fabulous finds from Carolyn Hawkins of Wholly Piecemeal.](#)



[So Swoon Worthy! This tufted chaise in deep amethyst is style and art in one!](#)

[Pretty in Purple and Pink! Define a colorful new space in your home.](#)

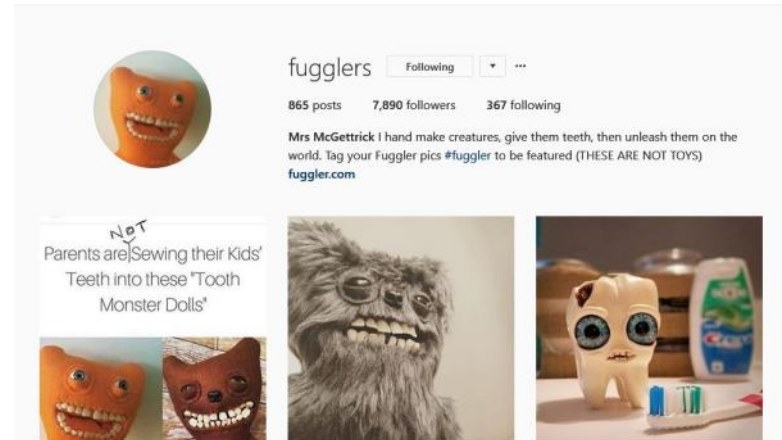


[Make an artful table! All colors are welcome - especially lavender - in this pretty set of plates.](#)



Instagram Finds

[@fugglers - Mrs McGettrick makes stuffies with teeth called Fugglers and writes about the process and consequences of such an unusual undertaking.](#)



[@erik.joh - Erik Johansson is a surrealist photographer who produces amazing and mesmerizing images along with behind the camera looks at his creative process.](#)

[@mrfinchtextiles - Mr Finch is a textile artist who creates a wonderfully whimsical world of spiders, moths and other fanciful creatures.](#)



Shine On!

How do you create?

My creative practice usually includes cycling around several, sometimes widely varying, projects at the same time. I've found that works best for me after unsuccessfully trying to regiment myself to one thing at a time.



Lately, I've come back to doll making and started a new series of mixed media art dolls. My interest has been centering more on the head so I carved a foam skull and used a type of paper mache to form a base for more mixed media work to follow.

Here's a [short video](#) explaining the process and where these may go.

Thanks for coming on this creative walk with me.

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