



# Frequently Asked Questions:

## 1. How much is the course and how do I pay?

The course will cost £60 (\$99 US dollars) and you can pay via paypal: [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com), which automatically converts currency for you. See here for currency conversions: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

## 2. How long does the course last?

The length of the course is 6 weeks.

## 3. How is the course structured?

The course structure and contents will be imbedded in a communal password protected blog for our group. Each week I will post up that weeks assignment on the Monday in an interesting and interactive format. The art tasks and prompts for that week will range from daily exercises, to 3 or 4 exercises. These can be done at your own pace throughout the week. Some people may want to do one each day, others may want to do all the exercises on the same day, and some people may only want to do some of the exercises, but not all. These options are all fine, as the course is intended for those who are busy and wish to work at their own pace.

## 4. What if I don't complete the assignments?

This course is yours to be followed as you feel comfortable. There is no criteria that says you have to complete everything. You need to feel comfortable and do as much of as little as you feel you can. If on one week you don't get to finish the tasks you can return to them whenever you want later in the course and complete them when you are ready.

## 5. What will I need, and how much will materials cost?

You will need:

- A computer, camera or scanner and an email address
- A sketchbook – A4 is ideal
- You will need paper (but this can be copy paper and such as the backs of old envelopes)
- You will need access to paints and paper for collaging
- Glue stick and PVA glue
- Scissors
- Boards (this can be box cardboard or found hardboard) and/or canvases – canvases are optional
- Pens, pencils, crayons, graphite, charcoal, ink – you don't have to have **all** of these, but **some** of them will be good
- A space where you can get messy!
- A flickr account – to open one, go to [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com) and click on the 'Create Your Account' button

**Costs** will vary depending on whether you wish to use materials found at home, such as using recycled board instead of buying canvases – the choice is yours. Paints can be household paints, and other materials can be borrowed or bought from second-hand, goodwill, charity or carboot sales. I estimate you don't need to spend more than about £10-£20 on materials.

**6. Is there a certain time I 'have to be at class'?**

No – you can access the week's assignments whenever you are ready.

**7. I'm not an artist can I still take part?**

YES YES YES – I welcome both artists and non-artists as we are ALL creative creatures and this course is a route to tapping into this with an experienced and qualified tutor from the comfort of your own space.

**8. Do I have to share my work?**

You don't have to do anything you don't want to or don't feel comfortable doing, however by not sharing you will be missing an opportunity to share and get feedback on your work and ideas for your future pieces.

**9. What will I get out of the course?**

You will get to access a range of different artists and their practices, you will get web, pdf and book resources to look into and research into further in your own time. You will get unconventional approaches to drawing, painting, collaging and more with techniques and examples given. You will try out and experiment with different medium and materials. You will get individual feedback from me. You will get an opportunity to form a group with like-minded others and swap, share, discuss and exchange. Most importantly – I hope – you will give yourself time and permission to PLAY creatively using art and enjoy yourself.

**10. What are your artistic background and qualifications?**

I'm a practicing artist who has a BA Honours Degree in Fine Art and a teaching qualification. For more details see my website: [www.ameliacritchlow.co.uk](http://www.ameliacritchlow.co.uk) – under CV

**11. Will I be given art instruction?**

You will be given simple art instructions with visual lots of visual examples, and prompts as part of the course. If you want further feedback and guidance on the work you produce, then I will happily give you one to one feedback – it's up to you.

**12. Are there any written assignments as part of this course?**

There are no written assignments on this course. If you want to research and record your own findings notes and make written notes in your sketchbook you are more than welcome.

Register your interest here: [www.ameliacritchlow.co.uk](http://www.ameliacritchlow.co.uk) under 'Experimental Art e-course'.

