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## Tag Art by Sue Bleiweiss

I love to make tags! They're terrific little surfaces for experimenting with different techniques and I like to keep a stack on hand to tuck in with gifts and packages.

I prefer to use heavy watercolor paper to make my tags with. I paint up full sheets of paper when I have my paints out for other projects and then I always have a stack of papers on hand for when I'm ready to create tags. I paint my watercolor papers with any paints that I happen to be using at the time. These papers were painted with acrylics:



I squirted two different colours onto the surface and then used a piece of crumpled up tissue paper to smear the paint around.

For these papers I used acrylic paints that I diluted 50/50 with water.



And these were painted with Jacquard Dye-Na-Flow paints:



You can make your tags any size you like. I typically cut mine 3 1/4" x 6 1/4". Just clip off the top corners and then punch a hole in the top center.



Embellish your tags with rubber stamps, buttons, decorative papers etc. Anything you have on hand in your stash can be used to create a customized card for any occasion. You can glue or sew your embellishments to the cards, add some yarns and you've got a terrific way to send a greeting or label a package.



You can also use your tags as covers for little travel books or make a little book to keep by the phone so you always have a piece of paper to write down messages on.



Whatever you use your tags for you're sure to have fun creating them and if you use them as gift tags or greeting cards the recipient is sure to be delighted with them!

To make this tag book I created two tags, one for the front and the back of the book and then cut some scrap paper to size to fit in the middle. I used a bookbinding screw to attach them all together but you could just as easily use a piece of twine, yarn or even a binder ring like I did in the fabric sample tag book below.

Consider using your tags to tote your fabric samples to the fabric store with you. For these tags I sewed on fabric swatches along with coordinating ribbons and buttons. These will also look terrific displayed in a basket or hung in a dressing room. Remember when sewing on paper to increase your stitch length so you don't perforate the paper.

