# 7 Outrageous Oil Pastel Techniques

## General Tips:
- Always create with newspaper underneath to catch oil pastel flakes.
- Try layering techniques for endless possibilities.
- Keep a small rag handy to wipe off dirty or stained oil pastels.

## Heavy Pressure Blending
- Generously add pastel in one direction on paper.
- Layer colors to achieve a blended and rich look.

## Light Pressure Blending
- Lightly add pastel in one direction on paper.
- Layer colors to achieve various hues.

## Scumbling
- Apply controlled, scribbled marks of oil pastel to build up value and texture.

## Color Mixing
- Apply a layer of oil pastel and follow with a contrasting color over.
- Continue to blend/layer additional colors to get desired hue.

## Sgraffito
- Overlap two, thick layers of different colors on paper.
- Use a paper clip or wooden stylus to scratch or scrape away line design revealing underneath color.

## Stippling
- Use small, choppy strokes to create stippled effect on paper. Layer with additional colors for depth.

## Oil
- Use a cotton swab soaked in baby oil to smooth and blend oil pastel marks on paper. Let dry overnight.