



creative prompts
for summer



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How To Begin

Thank you for joining me in this creative space! Except for a few pieces of clipart, all of the photos and artwork were created by me. To browse my artwork, visit artbyroanne.com

Here are a few ideas for ways to begin your creative summer.

First, the prompts are merely suggestions. Adapt them as you wish. Be disobedient!

Have your supplies ready to go. If you don't have a space for art, try setting up a small table. Or, use a trolley for some supplies. Or, just have a large pencil case at hand with a few supplies. You don't need much.

If you really want to engage, but time is passing and you are not, schedule your creativity. Or, just give yourself some free time spontaneously.

Not feeling creative? Try something for a few minutes anyway. Sometimes, that's all it takes to build a bit of momentum.

As you begin your creative time, take a few deep breaths to centre yourself in the moment. You can try other small rituals too. Some people light a candle, some play music...Give yourself a signal that you are open to the muse.


Use the materials you've been saving. So many people keep notebooks, thinking they are 'too nice' to write in. This summer, use all the supplies. But keep in mind...

You don't need fancy supplies. A glue stick, some paint from the dollar store or markers you already have, some flyers or papers you collect...that's it! Summer should be simple!

Look at everyday objects in new ways. Cardboard tubes make really great circles when dipped in paint or ink. Improvise!

Searching for collage materials? You can find affordable supplies on my website! And, for a limited time, my online art journaling workshop is on sale for \$29 ~ with 8 videos and a workbook, you'll find lots of inspiration.

Wishing you a summer filled with joyful moments and creativity!



We've all heard of new year's resolutions..

But what about summer?

Write a list of 3-5 things you'd like to do
or try this summer.

No self-improvement though!

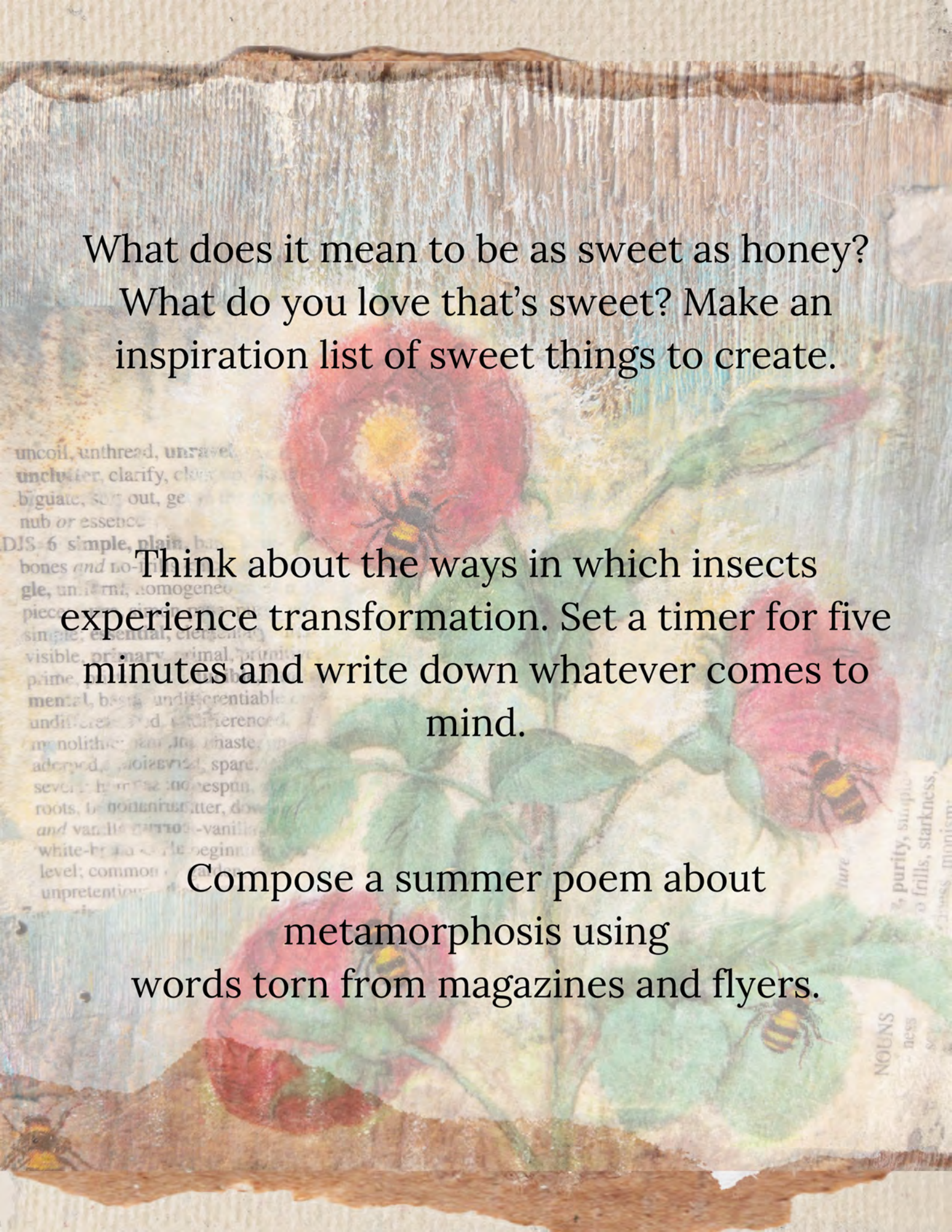
Just easy, fun things to try.



At the end of
summer, circle
back...

which activity was
your favourite?

Write about it. If you
have photos, print a
few and make a
collage.



What does it mean to be as sweet as honey?
What do you love that's sweet? Make an
inspiration list of sweet things to create.

Think about the ways in which insects
experience transformation. Set a timer for five
minutes and write down whatever comes to
mind.

Compose a summer poem about
metamorphosis using
words torn from magazines and flyers.



Find a quiet place with flowers and bees.
Simply watch the bees.
Notice how they fly.
Listen to the sound they make.

Create a butterfly collage.

No other elements ~ just butterflies.

Notice the colourways and textures that are present.





Explore the theme of wanderlust through old maps. Notice the patterns of maps. Consider place names. What could you create from the names of cities, lakes, or mountains? Or, from the simple colour palette of a map?



Research shows that the presence of a body of water has a positive impact on well-being. Think of ways to visually capture the sound of waves.



Use torn tissue paper to evoke the feeling of a sunset (or sunrise!) over water.






Discover a new summer poem. Visit the poetry foundation website and search for their summer poetry collection. Read a poem aloud.

ný trestní se
ších duchů na
vali ti, kdo to uložn
římského národa, potlač





Print a poem. Or, write it out by hand. Tear or cut the poem into short phrases. Rearrange them into your own poetic composition.

Take a few photos (or draw some pictures) inspired by a few of the poem's phrases. Use the words as captions for your images.

Choose only one phrase from your poem. Put it at the centre of a page. Collage around it.



maggie and milly and molly and may
went down to the beach(to play one day)

and maggie discovered a shell that sang
so sweetly she couldn't remember her troubles,and

milly befriended a stranded star
whose rays five languid fingers were;

and molly was chased by a horrible thing
which raced sideways while blowing bubbles:and

may came home with a smooth round stone
as small as a world and as large as alone.

For whatever we lose(like a you or a me)
it's always ourselves we find in the sea

e.e. cummings



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Chapter 2: Atoms and the Atomic Theory

(b) The only two mass-to-charge ratios that we can determine from those for the proton, a hydrogen ion, H^+ ; and that for the electron.
For the proton: $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{charge}} = \frac{1.673 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}}{1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}} = 1.044 \times 10^{-5} \text{ g/C}$

Experiment with washes (watercolour paints or other paints thinned with water) to capture the essence of a summer storm.





What's your favourite
summer scent?
Take a photo to capture
the fragrance.

Patience

What is the good life now? Why,
look here, consider
the moon's white crescent

rounding, slowly, over
the half month to still another
perfect circle-

the shining eye
that lightens the hills,
that lays down the shadows

of the branches of the trees,
that summons the flowers
to open their sleepy faces and look up

into the heavens.
I used to hurry everywhere,
and leaped over the running creeks.

There wasn't
time enough for all the wonderful things
I could think of to do

in a single day. Patience
comes to the bones
before it takes root in the heart

as another good idea.
I say this
as I stand in the woods

and study the patterns
of the moon shadows,
or stroll down into the waters

that now, late summer, have also
caught the fever, and hardly move
from one eternity to another.



More Ideas to Spark Creativity

*Here are a few ways you could expand upon the prompts.
I'm sure you can come up with more!*

Tear up your free writing. Use phrases as headings for art journal entries.

Use your photographs from previous summers to create a 'summers over the years' collage. Or, use the free version of Canva to upload photos and create an electronic collage.

Create a temporary collage ~ you don't have to glue things down. Just arrange some images and text in different ways to see what you like.

Choose a colour that appeals to you and collect materials in that colour to create your own summer palette.

Visit an art supply store on a rainy day. Choose one new thing to play with.

Create collages with singular themes (instead of butterflies).

Think of all of the weather elements of summer and ways to represent them. For instance, you could use a thin layer of white tissue paper or a napkin to create fog.

Summer is not just about peace and tranquility. It's also about festivals, markets, and other gatherings. Take photos or write about the joyful busyness of summer.

Consider all of your senses. What are your favourite tastes of summer?

Looking for more inspiration? Join me for a workshop! I offer one-on-one classes. Or, gather your favourite people together for a 'sip and clip' mixed media workshop. Or, play independently and sign up for my online art journaling workshop 'allowed to.' Reach out any time via email or my socials to find out more.

*I would love to see what you make!
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