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Creativebug review by team member Ursula

During the last 18 months, we've all been at a loose end and many of us have been searching for something to fill time. I, for one, pulled out my 'UFOs' – unfinished embroidery, needlework, tapestry, and some drawings and paintings. What I really wanted was free face-to-face drawing classes, so when West Gippsland Libraries purchased the new resource 'Creativebug', I was really keen to check it out.

You first create an account using your library card membership and make a password. It is straightforward and easy to get started. There are so many options and fields of art, printmaking, sewing, baking, and drawing.

I was particularly interested in 'Make art where you are: A daily practice by Courtney Cerruti'. This is where you sketch daily when you are travelling so you paint on the go. I had bought many paints specifically for this reason at home and here was my chance to finally get inspiration. Courtney talks about the fundamentals and materials you need before going into the tutorials, contrasts, colour tones and layout. I watched then did the artwork on my own. My tip is watching and doing the artwork simultaneously, but it doesn't really matter if you jump ahead as we all get excited about art. I have done many tutorials, and as a beginner, I am not shy about my naïve artwork. It's just important to just start drawing and put colour on your page. I can recommend Creativebug to get inspiration and it's easy to move around the website. The only difficulty I have is it may take me a year or more to watch everything I am interested in!



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