

## Art Design Workshop, Week 4 – Digital Brushes, Make a brush

### Practice/Intro:

Ask students to paint using several different brushes to see what different styles they produce. After several minutes of this practice, have them save and close their art for later, or just close it if they do not want to save.

Now we are going to create our own brush.

### To capture a brush shape:

- On a white background, draw any brush shape, object or art in black. You may want to adjust the size of the brush smaller.
- In your tools, select the magic wand tool. Then click on any of the blank/white area of your drawing (outside of your art).
- On your toolbar, click “select” and then “inverse”. Artweaver uses the selected area to map brush size.
- Choose Main Window menu -> **Window** -> **Show Brush** to display the **Brush** palette. (If it is not already displayed)
- Click the palette menu arrow and choose **Capture Brush**.
- Type a new name for the captured brush and click OK.
- Now close this, open a new canvas and practice painting with your new brush.

Brushes can be created from any design or object..

Students will now practice this by creating more brushes and then taking the time to produce art to print out and store in their portfolio using only brushes they have created. They should try to create at least 5 different brushes today, before working on their art project for the day.

When art project is completed, have them go to “File”, “Print with Preview”, click on “Page Setup”, change to landscape if desired, then “OK” and print.

**Saving this project is not necessary if it prints successfully.**

As in all projects, after it prints, have the student open up Microsoft word and write up a paragraph including these things:

- Name of project (in this case, Brushes)
- What design technique was learned today (in this case, Brushes, and how to create a brush)
- How the technique was used (in this case, what did the students create with their brushes, how did it turn out, etc..)

This should be printed out and place in the same transparent sheet (in back) with the art print. **Again, no need to save these if printed successfully.**