Christian Spirituality and the Visual Arts Resources

In Print:

**Life after Art: what you forgot about life and faith since you left the art room.** Matt Appling. Moody, 2013.

**Awaken Your Senses: exercises for exploring the wonder of God.** J. Brent Bill & Beth A. Booram. IVP, 2012.


**Contemplative by Design: creating quiet spaces for retreats, workshops, churches and personal settings.** Gerrie L. Grimsley and Jane J. Young. Upper Room, 2008. Features 15 examples of how to create a special quiet space for a retreat, church, hospital, nursing home or personal setting.


**Praying in Color: drawing a new path to God.** Sybil Macbeth. Paraclete Press, 2013. There are all kinds of companion materials to this book: dvd, with children, etc. An invitation to pray for yourself or others through coloring and doodling.

**Giant Table-top Coloring Sheets** by Trudy McKinnell. This Salem, OR artist creates giant table top coloring sheets and gives part of the profit to Mennonite Women USA! **Order here:** [http://www.mckinnelldesign.com/](http://www.mckinnelldesign.com/)
**The Artisan Soul: crafting your life into a work of art.** Erwin Raphael McManus. HarperOne, 2014. We all carry within us the essence of an artist.

**Awakening the Creative Spirit: bringing the arts to Spiritual Direction.** Christine Valters Paintner and Betsy Beckham. Morehouse, 2010.

**The Artists Rule: nurturing your creative soul with monastic wisdom.** Christine Valters Paintner, spiritual director and artist. Sorin, 2011. (Wisdom Cards p. 32)

**Making Crosses: a creative connection to God.** Ellen Prewitt. Paraclete, 2009

**In the Sanctuary of Women: a companion for reflection and prayer.** Jan Richardson. Upper Room, 2010. (Inner landscape collage p. 248)

**Crafting Calm: projects and practices for creativity and contemplation.** Maggie Oman Shannon. Viva, 2014.


**Spark: igniting your God-given creativity.** April Yamasaki. MennoMedia, 2015. This is our much acclaimed Mennonite Women sponsored Bible Study from 2015. Perfect for individual reading, reflection and creating or in a group. **Purchase for only $5 at mwusa.org**

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