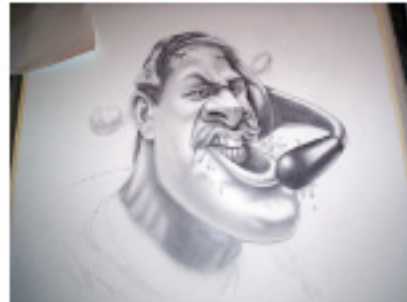


## My Acrylic Painting Technique:

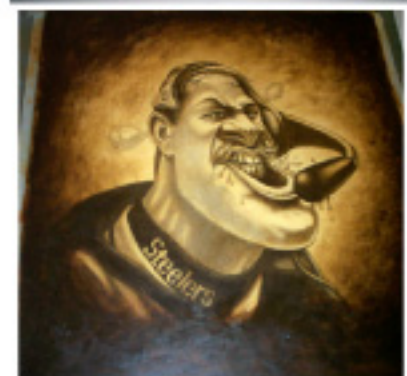
### STEP 1

I put two coats of gesso over cold press illustration board. Any good quality board will do. Except for that one brand that has a tendency to come alive in the middle of the night and murder your family. But other than that any will do. I'd tell you that evil brand name, but what would be the fun in that. For those extreme paranoid people I'm just kidding, or am I? Next I transfer my drawing onto the board using my mind. OK, I use a transfer sheet. You can also use carbon paper or a projector, whatever floats your boat.



### STEP 2

I then stain the board with a thin wash of raw umber. Once that dries I go over the illustration with washes of raw umber, using the thinnest washes in the light areas and the thickest washes in the darker areas. I do a pretty detailed underpainting so I'll have all my shading figured out before I add color.



### STEP 3

Now for the color part. I do this in pretty much the same way as the underpainting except I now use color, which is very helpful in producing color paintings. It would be great if you could always preserve the underpainting without having to completely paint over some areas, but so far I haven't found a way to do that. If you do please let me know. I work from the least important parts of my painting to the most important parts. This allows me to see how detailed I need to make each part as I go along. I also try to stay away from using any solid blacks or solid whites until I get to the most important parts because those colors are so intense and always draw your eye to them, which is what you want in those areas.



### STEP 4

The finished painting. Now all that's left to do is sit back and watch the money, fame and hot babes roll in. Sometimes you have to wait a long time for that. I'm still waiting. Except for the hot babe part of course, isn't that right honey? (I had to say that last part. You married guys will understand.)



The moral of the story is:

As in life itself, don't take it too seriously. Just have fun!