

# **WATERCOLOR LESSONS AND EXERCISES FROM THE WATERCOLOR**

## **Watercolor Is for Everyone**

Watercolor Is for Everyone guides you through 21 intuitive, process-based painting lessons that help you discover your own unique artist-within while creating works of beauty you will joyfully send out into the world to share. In this beautiful book, artist Kateri Ewing, author of Look Closer, Draw Better, guides you through a series of simple creative projects using a soulful, meditative, and reflective process. Whether you are picking up a paint brush for the first time or are an experienced artist, you will discover and deepen your creative potential through these exercises, because everyone can make art. Each project results in two art pieces, one to keep for yourself, and then another one, such as a postcard or mini painting, to share with someone else or send out into the world, to spread their color, creativity, and joy in new places. With Watercolor Is for Everyone, you can learn how to build a daily practice and how to set intentions and create, even if you just have just 10 minutes a day. The projects draw inspiration from poetry, music, literature, and the natural world, and invite experimentation with a variety of sources, from tarot and oracle cards to rocks and feathers. You will pursue your personal passions through accessible projects as you build your artistic skills, confidence, and creativity.

## **The Beginner's Guide to Watercolor**

Go from Watercolor Beginner to Painting Pro with this Incredible, Comprehensive Guide Taking up watercolor painting can feel overwhelming or intimidating, but with Jovy Merryl's expert advice, easy-to-follow tutorials and beginner-friendly projects, it doesn't have to be! Jovy walks you through all the foundational knowledge you need to succeed as a water colorist, from choosing the right materials to understanding color harmony and mastering basic brushstrokes. Easy-to-follow projects provide an effortless way to practice your skills and reinforce essential techniques. Hone your brushmarking with projects like Melody of Roses and Bouquet of Sunshine, and gain confidence in wet-on-wet and wet-on-dry techniques with beautiful paintings like Atmospheric Landscape and Sunny Day. Once you've mastered the basics, you'll continue to polish your newfound skills while learning other techniques that refine and add depth to your paintings. Learn the value of white space with Backlit Forest, add texture and special effects with Sun Glitter and become a pro at layering and glazing with Dreamy Phuket. Packed to the brim with helpful tips and tricks, this collection of stunning projects is the only resource you'll need to unleash your creativity, find your artistic style and begin your watercolor painting journey.

## **Exploring Color**

How to use and control color in your painting

## **One Watercolor a Day**

Offers forty-six daily watercolor exercises intended to stimulate imagination and help readers improve their skills.

## **Everyday Watercolor**

A contemporary paint-every-day watercolor guide that explores foundational strokes and patterns and then builds new skills upon the foundations over the course of 30 days to create finished pieces. This beautifully illustrated and inspiring guided watercolor-a-day book is perfect for beginning watercolor artists, artists who want to improve their watercolor skills, and visual creatives. From strokes to shapes, this book covers the basics and helps painters gain confidence in themselves along with inspiration to develop their own style over the course of 30 days. Featuring colorful contemporary art from Mon Voir design agency founder and Instagram trendsetter Jenna Rainey, this book's fresh perspective paints watercolor in a whole new light.

## **Paint Yourself Calm**

Discover the happiness benefits of putting brush to paper with a guide that puts judgment aside and “encourages simple enjoyment of painting” (Library Journal). Meditative, peaceful, and calming, watercolour painting offers a sense of control and self-worth to everyone, with no judgment or goal beyond the joy of painting itself. This book shows you how to calm and enhance your outlook through the movement of brush on paper. Master artist Jean Haines leads you through the journey, putting the emphasis on the joy of play rather than on pressure to perform or produce—and showing you how to wipe away your worries with the soothing, gentle strokes of watercolour paint. “Starting from the premise that everyone can paint, Haines frees readers of the goals and expectations of end results, and encourages simple enjoyment of painting. Open-ended, detailed exercises guide readers through experimenting with paint to gain a sense of control; to relieve stress; to escape; or to be in a better mood. The emotional and psychological properties of color are discussed as are obstacles to creativity and happiness. . . . [a] unique blend of self-care and expression.”  
—Library Journal

## **Learn to Paint in Watercolor with 50 Paintings**

Develop your watercolor skills one painting at a time! Are you a watercolor painter newbie? Have you dabbled in watercolors but wish your paintings looked more polished? Well, it's time to remedy that! Learn to Paint in Watercolor is the patient watercolor instructor you've been waiting for. This unique how-to book offers all you need to know about watercolor painting - perfect for first-time painters or anyone interested in refining their skills. Treat the book as an in-depth class on this medium. With each lesson, you'll be privy to a new watercolor technique or subject. Readers will move through the book subject by subject, course by course, painting all along the way. By the time you reach the end, you'll have fifty paintings showcasing your steady progress. You'll start by painting objects that are important to you and then move on to exploring your immediate environment. By the end of the book, your paintings will start to tell your own story, giving you the confidence to continue painting and discovering watercolors' myriad possibilities. Techniques are introduced throughout the book's projects, from using a simple color wash to learning about ink techniques or letting go with loose, free watercolors. At the same time, concepts such as properties of light (vital for watercolorists) give a solid foundation on which to work.

## **Drawing Towards Watercolour**

There is no shortage of books on painting, but there are few—if any—which so thoughtfully and systematically teach you how to progressively build your skills as a beginner or a sophisticated artist. If you're ready to discover the endless possibilities of painting with watercolor, then explore this elusive medium with accomplished painting instructor Michael Crespo. This highly regarded how-to will assist both the seasoned artist seeking to reinvigorate their technique, and the beginner seeking a variety of watercolor approaches. Structured after Crespo's a long running and popular painting course, this step-by-step guide to watercolor painting covers elementary, intermediate, and advanced techniques. Topics include brush movement, color plans, washes, gouache, surface unity, chiaroscuro and others. Each lesson is paired with thought-provoking practice exercises plus examples of student work as they progress through the course. Crespo's celebrated teaching style shines in lessons that are useful, versatile, and engaging. Watercolor Class encourages creative exploration and growth from painters of all skill levels, and above all, a profound appreciation for the

enchanting art of watercolor.

## **Watercolor Class**

"What makes this book special are the high caliber illustrations by an accomplished watercolorist/teacher and a text by a widely published reference author that go far beyond the typical how-to art book. In clear, step-by-step fashion, the authors explain concepts-not only "How" but "Why"-as well as the techniques of watercolor. Instead of just providing examples to imitate, this guide provides the aspiring artist with the fundamentals of light/shadow, shape, value, harmony/conflict, and order/chaos, along with exercises and assignments to make the concepts fully understood"--

## **Artful Watercolor**

Rendering the many forms of water can be uniquely challenging. This guide addresses these challenges with complete, step-by-step lessons on painting snow and water in a variety of forms- from softly falling snow to sculptural, windblown drifts, and from sparkling, sunlit lakes and early-morning mist to majestic waterfalls and breaking surf. Eight complete painting projects show how to bring it all together into dramatic winterscapes and waterscapes. Artists will also learn all the tricks,' including how to invoke the power of a limited palette and the white of the paper.

## **Painting Snow and Water**

Before picking up a paintbrush, an aspiring watercolour artist must first learn how to see. Leading artist and art instructor Hilary Page shows readers how to develop that ability and how to get the art of watercolour painting right from the start. Clear, step by step lessons and how to photos help readers explore ways of seeing, drawing handling watercolour and composing a painting with the help of specific geometric forms. Lessons start with relatively simple concepts and subjects, and then progress towards the more complex techniques. This indispensable manual is ideal for beginning artists as well as a concise study programme for the experienced painter.

## **Watercolor Right from the Start**

Learn to letter beautifully with watercolor. In this stunning follow-up to her highly praised and influential first book, *The Art of Brush Lettering*, lettering expert and workshop instructor Kelly Klapstein (popular on Instagram as @kellycreates) shares her secrets for mastering the essential techniques for creating lovely modern lettering and calligraphy with watercolor. Start with the basics, from choosing paints, brushes, and other supplies to preparing your paper for painting. Learn to handle watercolor paints with essential strokes and warm-ups. Explore painting letterforms in a variety of styles, from traditional to modern. Try a range of creative techniques, including blending ombrés and rainbows, creating pictorial letterforms, and combining watercolor with other mediums. Enhance your lettering with special touches by complementing it with handpainted backgrounds and simple illustrations. With *The Art of Watercolor Lettering*, you'll learn how to master the medium—and how to go with the watercolor flow—to create one-of-a-kind lettered art and calligraphy that reflect your unique personal style.

## **The Art of Watercolor Lettering**

Finally! Artful watercolor painting for beginners! Yes, YOU can do it. YOU can create beautiful watercolor paintings--everything from florals to portraits to landscapes--even if you've never before worked with this exuberant, exciting medium. *Fearless Watercolor for Beginners* offers a unique, one-on-one workshop--with step-by-step demonstrations, exercises and bonus video content--that teaches you all the basics you need to get started (and then some)--and then promptly encourages you to break them! Inside you'll find: \* 22 step-

by-step demonstrations for basic techniques, techniques for adding texture, and mixed-media techniques for truly one-of-a-kind work \* Dozens of easy-to-understand concepts, practical, meaningful tips and fun ideas you'll be eager to try \* Links to exclusive demo videos, exercises and tools to round out and enhance your workshop experience Be bold! Be daring! Be FEARLESS!

## **Fearless Watercolor for Beginners**

Enjoy the meditative art of watercolor with simple supplies, forty colorful illustrated lessons, and easy step-by-step instructions! For a soothing boost of creativity and whimsy, try your hand at watercolor. With a few simple steps, anyone can discover their artistic side and achieve moments of peace and tranquility. Forty straightforward lessons promise fun and colorful results -- no pressure and no skill required. This simple painting medium produces colorful, modern paintings to adorn invitations, gifts, and walls. The forty lessons cover useful topics like: Painting on vacation Painting your pets Layering colors Mixing colors Painting flowers and plants The supplies are simple: a basic palette of watercolors, a selection of brushes, and nice thick paper will do the job. Your bright, whimsical art is guaranteed to bring color to any gray day. It's never too late to pick up a new hobby -- start painting your own beautiful cards and artwork today!

## **The Joy of Watercolor**

Learn to paint gorgeous watercolor flowers, houseplants, and arrangements with this inspiring guide that includes 30 step-by-step tutorials. Filled with lessons and daily exercises, this fun introduction to watercolor teaches beginner artists how to create their own botanical-inspired paintings. It covers everything from selecting paper, paint, and brushes to choosing a palette, blending colors, and adding dimension and detail. Once you've mastered the essential techniques, you'll learn to paint cacti, popular houseplants, and individual flowers, and see how to combine these components into more complex compositions, including frames, wreaths, and colorful bouquets. Step-by-step tutorials, along with artist Eunice Sun's expressive artwork, provides all the guidance and inspiration you'll need to render small motifs, decorate a card, paint a charming still life, and more.

## **Watercolor Botanicals**

This book will teach you how to paint floral motifs with a loose look and an effortless hand. The well-known blogger and YouTuber Christin Stapff Mädchenkunst shows you, step by step, how to paint blossoms, flowers, leaves and wreaths--and also how to combine your art with hand lettering. Video tutorials on the various chapters will help you with the first flowing steps. You'll find lots of inspiration for your individual watercolor artworks in the book.

## **Floral Watercolour**

Creative Watercolor offers beginners a fun, modern, and practical approach to a timeless medium with instructions on how to paint simple motifs and lettering and embellish projects beautifully. In Creative Watercolor, popular watercolor artist and workshop instructor Ana Victoria Calderon shares her step-by-step techniques for painting modern motifs in this classic medium. Through a series of easy tutorials and projects, you will: Get an overview of basic materials and tools, plus options for embellishing your paintings Master essential techniques, starting with easy warm-up activities, learning to layer, and getting into the flow with watercolor, plus an introduction to scanning and digital editing for making multiples Learn to paint a variety of simple, beautiful motifs: flowers and leaves, butterflies and critters, fruits and vegetables, and delightful lettering Use what you've learned to create unique, stylish stationery, including beautiful invitations, place cards, menus, monograms, recipe gift cards, thank you notes—any project you can imagine, for any kind of event you can think of! There's never been a better time to dive into the world of watercolor, so why wait? Grab a brush and get painting!

## **Creative Watercolor**

A step-by-step course in creating watercolor sketches. A resource for both beginners and those returning to watercolor—including traveling architects, artists, and designers—this guide covers sketching on site, sketching in the studio, environmental color, color values, and more. Exercises depicting a range of subjects from architectural details to large landscapes provide practical experience with the medium.

## **Watercolor Sketching**

Author of *Everyday Watercolor* and Instagram darling Jenna Rainey presents a beautiful step-by-step guide to painting botanicals from lilies to daffodils in a wide variety of styles. Artist Jenna Rainey shares easy-to-follow ways to paint a wide range of botanicals, all in her fresh, modern style that appeals to the next generation of watercolor artists and creatives, from beginners to hobbyists. With gorgeously illustrated instructions for both loose and realistic watercolor depictions of more than 25 flowers, leaves, and plants, organized by form and shape, *Everyday Watercolor Flowers* is every nature-lover's answer to capturing that beauty on paper.

## **John Lovett's Textures, Techniques and Special Effects for Watercolor**

Learn to paint gorgeous contemporary art by practicing watercolor technique directly in this instructional sketchbook. Through 100 different experiments, artist Sasha Prood teaches you traditional techniques like wet-on-dry, wet-on-wet, and flat washes, and also encourages you to play with the paint through colorful ombrés, unique bloom textures, and added elements like salt and sponging. Each experiment is accompanied by Sasha's beautifully painted examples and space to practice your skills on the thick pages of the sketchbook. Sasha makes watercolors accessible by setting you up to paint a series of practice swatches before attempting to make final art and she emphasizes experimentation with color and technique so that you can learn to enjoy and embrace all the unique qualities of watercolor.

## **Everyday Watercolor Flowers**

Shows examples of watercolors by great artists, tells how to develop one's creativity, and discusses sketches, washes, and color

## **Watercolor Workshop**

A comprehensive and practical guide to watercolor painting from sought-after instructor and acclaimed artist Leslie Frantz that answers the two most common questions students at all levels want to know: What am I doing wrong? and How do I decide what to do instead? In the tradition of the eminently practical, top-selling guides such as *How to Make a Watercolor Paint Itself*, *The Oil Painting Course You've Always Wanted*, and *Problem Solving for Oil Painters*, this straightforward handbook offers a fresh approach to watercolor mastery that bridges the gap between theory and practice. Through thoughtful discussion, expert instruction, and in-depth step-by-step demonstrations, Leslie Frantz shows readers how to eliminate common barriers to achieve beautiful, captivating watercolor paintings. Beginning with teaching readers how to see with an artist's eye, Frantz then establishes how watercolor painters build on this skill by making timely decisions throughout the creation process.

## **Creative Watercolor**

Examines different paints available and discusses their strengths and weaknesses

## **The Watercolor Course You've Always Wanted**

Play with paint, get creative with color, and discover your personal palette--a joyful, interactive workbook for creativity, self-expression, and deepening your understanding of how color works. Color is one of the most profound ways we have to express ourselves. In this lively workbook for artists, graphic designers, hobbyists, and creators of all types, you will journal your way through fresh and enriching ways to develop a more personal connection to color in your art and life. Using watercolors, gouache, or any other water-based medium, dive into color theory and explore your personal style while playing with a balanced blend of experiments and color meditations. Discover a personal color wheel while exploring tints and shades. Experiment with color mixing while you make as many of one color as you can - and then name them all (honeydew green, avocado green, mint ice cream...). Through playful prompts and inspiring examples, and with lots of room for painting, this book will guide you to a new or expanded relationship with color and deepen your understanding of what color can do for you.

## **The Wilcox Guide to the Best Watercolor Paints**

Welcome to your watercolor happy place! The world of Danielle Donaldson is as wondrous as a jar full of fireflies. Her whimsical illustrations are known for their offbeat color combinations, artful arrangements and endearing quirks. In this book, you'll learn how to partner with the wonderfully spontaneous medium of watercolor to create your own brand of magic. Start by creating a handmade journal, then follow exercises and start-to-finish projects to fill it with illustrations that are small in size but big on color. Along the way, Danielle shares her fresh takes on color theory, perspective, composition and more. Designed to get your brush moving, this book makes practice feel like play. It's a one-of-a-kind journey for any artist wishing to tap into the utter joy of watercolor painting and make it a cherished part of your daily life. Inside you'll find:

- Imaginative techniques that help you override perfectionist tendencies while making the most of watercolor's unpredictable nature
- An inventive approach (using scraps of paper, ribbon and other ephemera) for more creative color choices
- A simple strategy that makes drawing new subjects less intimidating and more fun
- Sweet ways to add hand lettering to your artwork
- Inspirational exercises that make finding subjects to paint as easy as A-B-C

"Don't underestimate the giddiness you feel when you mindlessly grab a color and mix it with another and create the most beautiful wash ever!" --p43

## **A Field Guide to Color**

Painting makes people happy! Learn to use watercolour in a relaxing and joyful way, and you will feel it too. This book is packed full of 100 ideas, exercises and projects to help you experiment with watercolour paint: make mistakes, have fun, and surprise yourself with this fun and meditative medium. Even if you've never picked up a paintbrush in your life, this book will help you get over the fear of the blank page and experience the pure joy of creating. And if you're more experienced, you'll be inspired to use your watercolour skills in new and exciting ways. Sara Funduk will guide you every step of the way, from choosing your supplies and making those first few brush strokes all the way to completing beautiful watercolour projects you can be proud of.

## **The Art of Creative Watercolor**

Michael Solovyev  
Colored Water  
Basic Watercolor Techniques: A Guide from Scratch

## **Love Watercolour**

Outlines the basic techniques required to paint with watercolour. The book demonstrates the development of various paintings with step-by-step instructions and gives advice on perspective and stencilling. The author has also written Rowland Hilder Country and Rowland Hilder's England.

## Colored Water

Create Stunning Watercolor Projects in Just a Few Simple Steps Mako, the artist behind the beloved blog and YouTube channel makoccino, brings you the most comprehensive beginner's guide to watercolor. If you've ever struggled with self-confidence concerning your art, or been overwhelmed by which brushes you need or how to blend paint, look no further than the gorgeous projects offered in No-Fail Watercolor. Through over 25 activities that are as lovely as they are accessible, Mako sheds light on the secrets to making dazzling watercolor paintings and guides you step by step through practicing and polishing your budding skills. Learn to differentiate between monochromatic, complementary and analogous colors in the Color Harmony chapter; build your understanding of different mediums and textures with techniques like Painting with a Sponge or Softening and Blending; and take a tour through exquisite landscapes with projects like Cloudy Sunset Sky, Enchanted Forest or Ocean Cave. Prepare to be challenged in the most fun way and to embrace simple but effective methods that will soon have you mastering watercolor. Above all, No-Fail Watercolor will remind you to let go of rigidity, to revel in the moment and to discover yourself along the way—because therein lies the true meaning of art.

## Starting with Watercolour

Banish boring watercolors forever! This guide gives you the "power tools" you need to transform dull, flat landscapes into robust, colorful expressions of your artistic vision. Each chapter focuses on a specific strategy for tackling tough challenges, complete with inspiring examples, hands-on demonstrations and instructional diagrams to make these strategies easy and fun to learn. Following this guide's masterful visual instruction, you'll learn how to: See beyond "what you see" to develop strong foundations in every composition Avoid repainting, overworking and frustration by focusing on a composition's unifying elements Become decisive with your values for heightened interest and impact Quickly and easily mix a huge range of clean, rich colors--including vibrant grays and greens--with no more mud! Put it all together following detailed step-by-step demonstrations of complete paintings from start to finish Whether you're new to watercolor painting or not, this guide will empower you to push shape and color into exciting new territory. Experience the satisfaction of painting with "power tools" and enjoy immediate results in your work.

## No-Fail Watercolor

Starts with real basics and assumes no knowledge or experience of painting whatsoever.

## Powerful Watercolor Landscapes

Methods of merging soft luminous washes with sharp, crisp definite penwork are made easy with this book. Each stage of the painting process is illustrated in a highly practical way, using step-by-step photographs and a colourful selection of finished paintings.

## You Can Paint Watercolour

With over 8 million views, Steven Cronin's Watercolour Workshop YouTube channel has helped budding artists around the world learn the basics of watercolour painting in a loose and free style whilst avoiding fuss and excess detail. His work ethic of practise, practise, practise has challenged his viewers to break barriers and find success in a medium thought of as difficult and arduous. 'Watercolour Painting Made Simple' highlights his channel's premise that watercolour doesn't have to be complicated and is available to anyone with the desire and passion to learn. The exercises in this book are broken down into a series of step by step guides to help build your confidence and gain success. So grab your brushes and give it a go. It's not as difficult as you think. Happy painting!

## **Line & Wash**

Ten lessons to develop the artistic skills that will help you to paint great watercolors in your own personal style.

## **Watercolour Painting Made Simple**

A comprehensive instruction for the artist on fully developing the gift of getting everything possible from the colors of the palette.

## **Watercolor Skills Workbook**

Using a simple palette of only six colors (with two alternates), Jerry McClish introduces artists to a whole new way of painting in watercolor. He calls it \"loose\" watercolor. Through step-by-step examples, he shows readers how to create an original painting with splashes of loosely placed color washes and brush strokes. When finished, the end result is stunning.

## **Making Color Sing**

Discover Watercolor provides a practical course in painting striking watercolors. Section one, a valuable reference alone, covers the techniques for such common watercolor elements as skies, water, flowers, foliage and animals. Each subject is thoroughly analyzed and illustrated. Section two is a complete guide to mixing color and explores the possibilities with a range of mixes. Section three, which includes more than 20 projects, puts the instruction in sections one and two into practice. Every project, illustrated by masters of the craft, has been carefully selected to cover many different interpretations, styles, and landscapes. Projects include: autumn fields lakeside scene fishing village leafy garden Indian market In addition to the hands-on instruction in the projects, readers will get numerous shortcuts and secrets, all with more than 500 color illustrations.

## **Loose Watercolor**

Watercolour for the Absolute Beginner

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