

25 Ways To Improve Your Watercolor Painting Skills

Welcome

If you've always wanted to learn watercolor painting or improve your current skills, here are 25 ideas to help get you started ...

1. Have a plan

To have a good watercolor painting, you must always think ahead and allow room for errors.

2. Work on your drawing, then transfer that drawing onto different paper.

If you aren't confident with your drawing skills, you should draw it on a different piece of paper first and transfer it.

3. Pay attention to watercolor hard edges.

You make soft edges when you paint on wet paper, or you can always soften an edge by painting plain water.



4. Repeat your colors all over the paintings.

You have to continuously repeat all the colors over the paintings to see what you've drawn clearly.

5. Have fun

It would be best if you always had fun no matter the situation. A watercolor painting shouldn't be about forcing yourself to do it; it's about making it fun.

6. Use good quality paper to paint your watercolor

You can't use lousy paper; otherwise, your paper would get soggy in the middle of when you are doing your watercolor paints.

7. Always paint on a flat surface.

It is tough to paint on a rough surface, primarily when painting good watercolor paintings.

8. Control your water

You shouldn't overuse the amount of water used in watercolor painting because this could get soggy.

9. Embrace the accidentals

When painting, you will find many errors like paper quickly ripping or using the wrong colors for the painting.



10. Choose artwork or paintings that inspire you

It would be easier to paint watercolor paintings.

11. Study color theory

Before you even start to paint watercolors, you should study about it first.

12. Break everything down into basic shapes.

Don't paint complex and complicated shapes. Just keep it simple.

13. Have dry paper towels on hand.

If you accidentally add too much watercolor to your painting, you can dry it out with a paper towel.

14. Practice how to paint many different watercolor paintings and challenge yourself.

Before you get to painting watercolors on your first go, try practice first.

15. Use a good quality paintbrush

If you use a terrible brush that easily breaks and falls apart, you can't paint your watercolors properly.

16. Paint daily

If you want to keep consistent watercolor practice, you need to paint daily to maintain watercolor skills.



17. Stock up on paper towels

When you stuff up your watercolor paintings, paper towels effectively clean up the mess.

18. Mix more paint than you plan to use

You never know what will happen because if you mess up, you would have that extra paint to paint your watercolor.

19. Paint with the side of your brush.

Your painting would be a lot nicer and more effortless than painting in the middle of the brush.

20. Put on relaxing music

This will help you out, especially when you are stressed out and want to relax.

21. Sketch out your design first.

Sketching out what you are going to paint is more manageable than going full out.

22. Start slowly

Painting watercolors quickly could lead to errors and mistakes.



23. Don't get distracted

Most people make a mistake when painting watercolors because they often get distracted by their kids or other important things. They need to find a quiet spot to paint.

24. Use the three primary colors to start.

A simple painting uses the three primary watercolors to start.

25. Brush wetness

It is important not to wet your brush too much; otherwise, it would affect your painting.