

The Watercolor Artist's Guide to Color

A Visual Guide to Choosing and Using Color to Bring Your Paintings to Life *Richard Taylor*

The recurring theme throughout this book is learning exactly how different paints and colours work together and how this knowledge can be used to transform your own paintings. Immerse yourself in the world of complementary colours, shadows and analogous mixes, taking your personal palette to new horizons. Learn about the delicate balance between warm and cool colours while harnessing the dynamics of yellows and purples set by side in your own paintings. Whether you are an aspiring artist or seasoned watercolour painter, this guide ensures that you will unlock the full potential through the most exciting medium of colour.

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Atmospheric Buildings in Watercolour

Nicholas Poullis

In this clearly explained and highly visual guide, master artist Nicholas Poullis shows you how to harness classic watercolour techniques to achieve paintings that are both accurate and inspiring. It is a masterclass of insight, technique and inspiration, for confident beginner and intermediate-level artists looking to discover key watercolour techniques as well as more experienced painters looking to hone their skills. • Tackle essential technical aspects including light, composition, perspective and drawing • Overcome the challenges of balance, simplification and crucially how to avoid overworking • Follow 6 inspiring and varied stage-by-stage projects • Gain the confidence and conviction to apply the techniques you learn to painting your own favourite buildings.

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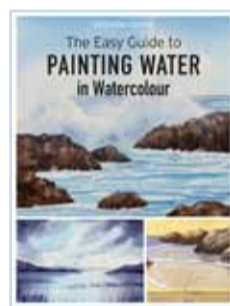


The Easy Guide to Painting Water in Watercolour

Stephen Coates

Whether calm and reflective or sparkling with light and movement, water can bring atmosphere, drama and life to your watercolour paintings. In this practical guide, Stephen Coates leads you through a multitude of highly effective techniques that will transform good paintings into great ones. • Begin with an exploration of reflections and their pivotal role in capturing water on paper • Create 8 beautiful, beginner-friendly step-by-step projects, including stormy seas, cascading waterfalls, still lakes and lapping waves • Build up a range of versatile skills and techniques as you progress through the book • Be inspired by Stephen's handy tips and a vibrant selection of his stunning artworks.

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Can Do Picks

A Natural History of Dragons

Emily Hawkins & Jessica Roux
A Natural History of Dragons is a complete guide to dragons from around the world, from ancient lore and superstitions to their anatomy, behaviour and lifecycles. This lavishly illustrated volume details the secret lives of dragons making it the perfect gift for all fantasy enthusiasts. Dragons have been the misunderstood subject of folklore for generations... but are these stories just legends or is there any truth to these majestic creatures' fiery reputations? This beautiful volume sets out to reveal the hidden world of dragons – you will meet mysterious and majestic dragons from around the globe, read about ancient lore and superstitions, learn about their life cycle, anatomy, habits and habitats, and discover the secrets behind dragon flight.

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A Coloring Book of Lovely Flowers and Gardens

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The Complete Language of Birds

A Definitive and Illustrated History *Randi Minetor*

This stunningly illustrated book offers profiles of over 500 bird species, covering both their physical and mystical qualities. Each entry provides not only the birds name and physical qualities, but also its history, symbolic meanings and hidden properties from mythology, legends and folklore. Within the pages of this colourful volume, you'll find: • Beautiful illustrations and descriptions of common and unusual birds • Notes on the surprising properties and powers of birds • Discussions of the symbolism and mythological significance of each bird species. A collection of fun and interesting facts about birds gathered from science and culture, the stunning illustrations and lively descriptions make this an engaging guide you'll return to again and again.

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Practical Art

Colored Pencil Drawings & Doodles

Draw Adorable Animals, Flowers, Foods and Characters Using 12 Colored Pencils *Atelier RiLi*

Even if you've always thought 'I can't draw', you can approach these 21 lessons with the confidence of knowing that the step-by-step instructions and demonstration videos provide all the support you need to start enjoying this wonderful pastime right away. Get ready to draw: • Cuddly creatures from charming kitties to lovable hedgehogs and forest animals • Brightly coloured flowers and plants • Irresistible foods from luscious cupcakes, crusty French bread and juicy strawberries to other treats that look good enough to eat • And so much more – bright ribbons, elegant seashells, enchanting castles and motifs to celebrate each season of the year.

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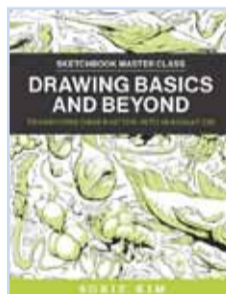


Drawing Basics and Beyond

Transform Observation into Imagination *Sorie Kim*

The book provides the tools, techniques, and inspiration artists need to improve their sketchbook practice and use the information they gather to create imaginative artwork. This informative and entertaining guide reveals: • The benefits of sketching from life and how it impacts your artwork • The author's seven favourite types of sketchbooks, including the "ugly sketchbook" and when to use the • Strategies for sketching in any location, from parks, to cities, to zoos, to museums and more • An inside look at the author's fascinating sketchbooks and how she uses them in a wide variety of locations • Approaches to adding imagination to your sketches through experimenting with mediums, pushing boundaries, abstraction and doodling.

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Step-by-Step Portraits from Simple Shapes

A Beginner's Guide to Drawing Faces and Figures in Proportion *Satyajit Sinarty*

This book teaches you how to critique your own art while drawing, as well as how to perfect your linework, pencil pressure, control and more. This comprehensive guide covers everything from how to hold the pencil to intermediate-level shading techniques to create contrast and depth in drawings. Packed with easy-to-follow guidance, it will help you become a better artist and create a solid base to take into other genres besides portraits. Start from simple shapes and watch your portrait drawing skills flourish with this fool-proof step-by-step guide.

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How to Draw Manga

A Step-by-Step Guide to the Basics and Beyond *Jolene Yeo*

Using clear, simple steps, *How to Draw Manga* gives soon-to-be manga artists the basic techniques to get started, and the confidence needed to progress to more challenging manga illustrations. Featuring 37 how-to-draw components, from important basics such as eyes, heads, hands, body shapes and poses, to fully realized manga characters, including mecha robots, martial arts fighters, snow spirits, anthros, cyborgs, hybrids and more. This book will give artists everything they need to develop their own amazing manga skills.

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Mini Plein Air Painting with Remington Robinson

The Art of Miniature Oil Painting on the go in a Tin *Remington Robinson*

Learn artist Remington Robinson's ingenious approach to plein air painting – using a mint tin as palette and easel to create mini masterpieces on the go. Learn how to: • Set up your miniature workspace complete with mint tin palette and easel • Select captivating scenes • Understand colour and light • Effectively translate your observations onto canvas. Through engaging instruction, you'll develop the skills to create mini works of art that reflect the beauty of nature and evoke a sense of place.

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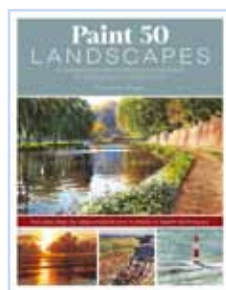


Paint 50 Landscapes

A Complete Guide to Painting Landscapes and Seascapes in Watercolour *Joe Francis Dowden*

Originally published as *The Landscape Painter's Essential Handbook*, this refreshed edition gives more space to the art and brings back into print one of the cornerstone books on landscape painting from an international watercolour master. The 50 landscapes included range from a gentle flower-filled meadow and hazy summer mountains, to a dramatic cliff scene and a rippling stream in sunshine. Each landscape is explored within a hardworking spread through exercises, step-by-step sequences and easy-to-follow instructions; master the principle and technique, and finish with the watercolour painting exercise.

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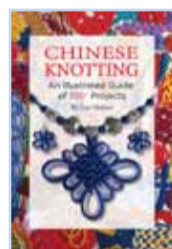
General Crafts

Chinese Knotting

An Illustrated Guide of 100+ Projects *Haimei Cao*

This book is an ultimate comprehensive guide, not only presenting the step-by-step illustrated instructions but also all the information regarding Chinese knotting. From the origins to developments, functions to decorations, material selections to final products, basic techniques to modified combinations and traditional crafts to creative designs, author Cao Haimei walks you through every detail. Besides discovering the history and traditions, this book also demonstrates the basic techniques, such as designing, interlacing, tightening, shaping, adjusting and decorating. With the proper tools and materials, whether it is synthetic or silk cords, glass beads or porcelain charms, gold rings or silver clasps, you can start knotting by following the 100+ projects to make your home decorations, lucky charms, necklaces, bracelets, hair accessories, buttons, brooches and many more.

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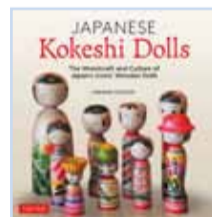


Japanese Kokeshi Dolls

The Woodcraft and Culture of Japan's Iconic Wooden Dolls *Manami Okazaki*

Filled with artist interviews, gorgeous photos and firsthand travel experience, *Japanese Kokeshi Dolls* presents: • An overview of the different types of dolls • How kokeshi dolls are crafted, including information on tools and woods used • Interviews with leading kokeshi craftspeople worldwide • Detailed information about both traditional dolls and the modern ones being crafted today • An exploration of the cultural significance of kokeshi dolls • A guide to visiting Japan's kokeshi regions • Information on how to buy the dolls either directly from Japanese artisans or stockists worldwide.

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Color Charts

A History *Anne Varichon*

Color Charts describes the many different methods and ingenious devices developed since the fifteenth century by doctors, naturalists, dyers, and painters to catalogue fragments of colors. Drawing on nearly two hundred documents from public and private collections, almost all of them previously unpublished, this wonderfully illustrated book shows how the colour chart, in its many distinct forms and expressions, is a practical tool that has transcended its original purpose to become an educational aid and subject of contemplation worthy of being studied and admired.

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Fashion Play *Lesley Barnes*

Step into a world where creativity knows no bounds and fashion becomes an endless playground. The book is divided into three sections, allowing you to mix and match fashion outfits in a delightfully playful manner. The possibilities are as boundless as your own imagination. Fashion lovers of all ages will find endless joy in curating their own sartorial masterpieces. This interactive book will inspire you to experiment, express and embrace your unique sense of style. Features 8 cover variations, orders will be selected at random.



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Creating the Perfect Form

How to Interpret and Display Historic Dress *Janet Wood*

How can the cut of a 19th century gown control its shape? Can you re-create a historic profile from a contemporary mannequin? How can paintings help you analyse historic silhouettes and the corsets and petticoats worn underneath? Conservation and historic dress display specialist Janet Wood will help you answer all these questions. Concentrating on Western women's wear from 1750–1950, and with over 250 colour images, plus drawings and charts, you'll learn how to interpret an individual garment's display needs and create safe, appropriate display forms.



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Maria Spitz

The thread is an interesting thing. A great deal of symbolism is entwined with this inconspicuous object: it can stand for human life itself, as well as for the success of that life, and thus, like the myths spun around it, touches on existential questions. *Threads* highlights layers of meaning by offering the opportunity to individually explore a wide variety of ideas and answers. It combines examples of the tools of spinning and weaving, classical mythological representations and contemporary works of visual art that use the thread as a metaphor, model or medium and make either the thread itself, or images of it, tangible as a means of artistic expression for the conditions and possibilities of life.



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Story of an Ancient Craft *Peter Bellerby*

The Globemakers takes us through the journey of how to build a globe, or 'earth apples' as they were first known, and includes fascinating vignettes on history, art history, astronomy and physics, as well as the day-to-day craftsmanship at the workshop itself. This beautiful book uses illustration, photography and narrative to tell the story of our globe and many different globes it has inspired.



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Leather Art Molding, Shaping, and

Color Techniques to Take Your Work

Beyond the Ordinary *Cathy Wiggins*

Through 18 projects with step-by-step instructions, Cathy Wiggins teaches you how to create beautiful and functional art by molding and sculpting leather. Start by making a leather vase and small bowls to understand the basics about how shaping, molding, and colour use can deeply impact any leather item. The next projects show how to use those techniques to create more-complex pieces. Each utilises skills learned in the previous chapters, building your confidence in molding and sculpting leather as you progress through the book. Projects include bowls, catchall trays, lighting, table sculptures such as a Rawhide Fish and the artist's popular design the Reading Angel, and dimensional wall art.



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Magical Fairy Homes & Gardens

Narbara Purchia & E Ashley Rooney

Appealing to fairy enthusiasts and nature lovers of all ages, this book provides bold inspiration to help readers embark on a creative and relaxing pursuit that takes them directly into the world of fairy magic. It features: • Images and stories of more than 50 projects that encompass a wide variety of fairy dwellings – communities, cottages, houses, castles, chalets and other serendipitous structures • Creations by more than two dozen of the most talented and innovative artists creating fairy environments • A special chapter on fairy accessories, including furniture, doors, swings and the other creature comforts that fairies appreciate • An appendix spotlighting plants that are ideal for incorporation into fairy gardens.



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Making Soap DIY Bath & Body

Products Made with All-Natural Scents, Oils

and Colors *Agnes Stuber*

Welcome to the world of homemade soap! It is perfectly possible to make soap at home – from simple everyday soaps to fragrant masterpieces. *Making Soap* describes what cold-stirred craft soap is, why it works, what you need and how to make it. Read about fatty acids, essential oils, natural dyes and other • Facial soap with activated charcoal • Skin-softening bath bomb • Rosy clay soap • And so much more!



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Himmeli Make Geometric Straw

Mobiles *Eija Koski*

Discover the traditional art of himmeli in this captivating book in which Finnish craft and sleek artistry intertwine to create stunning geometric mobiles from rye straw. The exquisite mobiles with their angular lines, geometric shapes and crisp, airy feeling have something natural and timeless about them. With the addition of colours and new materials such as paper drinking straws, they become modern sculptures that can adorn your home or make thoughtful gifts for friends and family. In *Himmeli*, you get a comprehensive introduction to building himmeli mobiles alongside step-by-step instructions and a gallery of inspirational images that will help both beginners and seasoned crafters create 22 beautiful mobiles.



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Knots for Outdoor Adventures

Here is a practical knot-tying kit with 30 easy-to-learn knot instruction cards. Get to know which knot to use when – put up a rope swing with the swing hitch, make a honden with a tripod lashing and tie a lasso with a honda knot – and you'll be ready for adventure. Inside the box you'll find 30 illustrated instructional cards with key tips on which knot to use when, plus two practice ropes each 60cm long and 8mm in diameter. A QR code inside the box lid links to the author's expert videos to get you started. Endorsed by experts, this deck provides all the information you need to be confident using ropes in the outdoors.



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Soap Making for Beginners

Easy Step-by-Step Projects to Start Your

Soap Making Journey *David Fisher*

Making soaps and other bath and body products is hugely popular because it's fun, creative and easy, even for beginners. *Soap Making for Beginners* is your simple, step-by-step guide to creating a variety of different types of soap. This user-friendly book starts with a thorough overview of the necessary ingredients, tools and safety requirements. In each subsequent chapter, which focuses on a specific method of soap making, you'll find detailed instructions supported by dozens of full-colour photos that cover: • The basic process • Decorative techniques • Recipes • Tips and troubleshooting.



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Rock Painting for Beginners A

Complete Guide to Techniques and Supplies

with 50 Original Designs to Inspire

Christine Rechl

Using pens, markers, paints and brushes and the simple lessons in this book, you will be able to turn inexpensive stones into gorgeous works of art. Christine Rechl provides all the information you'll need to get started, including a few simple tips and techniques and over 50 inspiring designs. For aspiring artists of all ages, the simple instructions and examples in this book show you how to create: • A menagerie of cuddly cats, shaggy sheep and adorable dogs – even unicorns! • Funny faces, cartoon characters and kooky caricatures • Kaleidoscopic patterns made up of spirals, squiggles, dots and lines • Meditative mandalas, runes, oracle stones, amulets and lucky charms • And many more creative designs.



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Little Sticker Dolly Dressing

Bridesmaids

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Princess *Fiona Watt*

This enchanting little book for young children is full of princess dolls to dress with 200 reusable stickers of delightful outfits. Dress Princess Mako in her Japanese robes, find a Russian gown for Princess Natalia's summer party and dress Princess Polly for a masked ball. The back cover folds out to 'park' stickers while you dress the dolls. Recommended for ages 4+.



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Danger Decide Your Destiny with a

Pop-Out Fortune Spinner!

Giles Sparrow & Ruby Fresson

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Lucy Cochran & Heidi McKinnon

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Home & Garden

Plant Society Design Handbook

A Plant Stylist's Guide to Creating Beautiful

Living Spaces *Jason Chongue*

Jason Chongue builds from the basics with a comprehensive guide to 80-plus of his go-to plants, the conditions they thrive in and how to nurture them for a long life. He reveals the secrets to successful garden layouts, sharing design-led templates that are adaptable to different spaces, and explains how to navigate plant grouping and placement, as well as style fundamentals including colour, texture, shape and scale. With these foundations, you can explore a vast array of garden design projects – from verdant plant shelves to bold balcony arrangements to fuss-free front yards. Jason's easy-to-follow garden blueprints take a design-first approach, focusing on how plants relate to the surrounding architecture, materials and environment. His 'kit of parts' and cultivation tips mean each project feels achievable and zero knowledge is assumed.



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and Survive in a Dry Garden *Philip Clayton*

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From the Wild An Essential

Companion to Identifying, Cooking and

Enjoying Common Wild Plants

Heidi Merika

From the Wild is a herbal medicine cookbook offering a simple, resourceful, nature-based approach to healthy living. Qualified naturopath and medical herbalist Heidi Merika draws on her decades of experience to create delicious, nutritious, plant-based recipes and healing home remedies from 30 of the world's most common edible wild plants, from cat's ear to cobbler's pegs, dandelion to dock, and nasturtium to wild raspberry. Enjoy over 100 recipes including a spring salad full of wild edibles, nettle gnocchi verde and clover muffins, along with lantana itch balm, chickweed anti-inflammatory gel and St John's wort pain ointment. Including information on plant identification and foraging safely and sustainably, this book is all you need to forage, cook and eat wild foods for abundant health.



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The Medicinal Garden Treat, Feed

and Soothe Straight from Your Garden

Caroline Parker

The Medicinal Garden is a brilliant guide to revitalising your health by soothing your mind, body and green thumb. From edible treats to therapeutic remedies, unearth the healing potential of plants both wild and cultivated. Featuring forty herb profiles and seven medicinal weeds ideal for foraging, learn how to set up and maintain a planted or potted garden for a healthful life. Discover the healing power of your very own medicinal garden with edible recipes for cakes, biscuits, salads, soups, teas and many more. The book features easy, natural remedies for your skin, gut, muscles, heart and mind with recipes for oils, tinctures, compresses, steams and washes for health and healing.



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