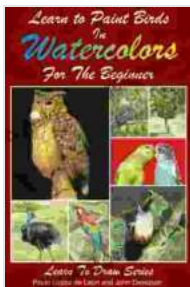


Learn to Paint Birds in Watercolor for the Beginner: Learn to Draw 26

Watercolor painting is a beautiful and rewarding medium that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced artist, painting birds in watercolor can be a challenging but rewarding experience.

In this tutorial, we'll provide you with everything you need to know to get started with painting birds in watercolor. We'll cover everything from choosing the right materials to mastering basic watercolor techniques.

Before you get started, you'll need to gather a few basic materials. Here's what you'll need:



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- Watercolor paints
- Watercolor paper

- Brushes
- Water container
- Pencil
- Eraser

The type of watercolor paints, paper, and brushes you use can have a big impact on the quality of your painting. Here are a few tips to help you choose the right materials:

- **Watercolor paints:** There are many different brands and types of watercolor paints available. For beginners, it's best to choose a good quality student-grade paint. These paints are typically more affordable and easier to work with than professional-grade paints.
- **Watercolor paper:** Watercolor paper is specially designed to absorb water and paint without buckling or warping. For beginners, it's best to use a cold-pressed watercolor paper. This type of paper has a slightly rough surface that helps to hold the paint in place.
- **Brushes:** There are many different types of brushes that can be used for watercolor painting. For beginners, it's best to use a variety of brushes, including a small round brush, a medium round brush, and a large flat brush.

Before you start painting birds, it's important to master a few basic watercolor techniques. These techniques will help you to create smooth, even washes and to control the flow of paint.

- **Wet-on-wet:** The wet-on-wet technique is used to create soft, blended edges. To do this, wet your brush and then dip it into your paint. Apply the paint to your paper while it's still wet. The paint will spread and blend, creating a soft, ethereal effect.
- **Wet-on-dry:** The wet-on-dry technique is used to create sharp, defined edges. To do this, wet your brush and then dip it into your paint. Apply the paint to your paper while it's dry. The paint will stay in place, creating a sharp, defined edge.
- **Dry-on-dry:** The dry-on-dry technique is used to create textured effects. To do this, allow your paint to dry completely before applying it to your paper. The paint will be more difficult to apply, but it will create a textured effect.

Now that you've mastered the basic techniques of watercolor painting, you're ready to start painting birds. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you get started:

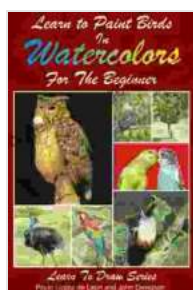
1. **Sketch your bird.** The first step is to sketch your bird. Use a pencil to lightly draw the outline of your bird's body, head, and wings. Don't worry about making your sketch perfect; it's just a guide to help you paint your bird.
2. **Wet your paper.** Once you're happy with your sketch, wet your watercolor paper. To do this, dip a brush into water and then brush it over your paper. The paper should be damp, but not soaking wet.
3. **Apply your paint.** Now it's time to apply your paint. Start with a light wash of color. Use a small round brush to apply the paint to your bird's

body, head, and wings.

4. **Build up your layers.** Once your first wash of color is dry, you can start to build up your layers. Apply thin layers of paint, allowing each layer to dry completely before applying the next. As you build up your layers, you'll start to see your bird take shape.
5. **Add details.** Once you're happy with the base colors of your bird, you can start to add details. Use a small round brush to paint in the eyes, beak, and feathers. You can also use a fine-tipped pen to add details such as whiskers and claws.
6. **Finish your painting.** Once you're happy with the details of your bird, you can finish your painting. Allow your painting to dry completely. Then, frame your painting and display it in your home or office.

Painting birds in watercolor can be a challenging but rewarding experience. By following the tips and techniques in this tutorial, you'll be able to create beautiful and realistic bird paintings.

So what are you waiting for? Get started today!



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