



Watercolors  
for all  
Ages

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There are many different types of watercolors, depending on the artist. Some people don't use a pen to make the lines, and some people do. A person will usually have a pallet to work from that has the colors they on it, but some people just take the color out of the tube.

If you would like to make a watercolor this is what you would need. Watercolor paper, brushes, watercolors, thin permanent marker, and drafting or masking tape. All these things can be found in an art store. Cut the piece of paper to size and then make a border around the edge with the tape. Then take the pen and make a few lines or shapes. When you are done with that you are ready to start painting.

With some artists they like to do all fades, solids, or both. Usually people will use both. What I like to do is make some thick black lines in my paintings. Once you do a few watercolors you will notice some of your own techniques. When you have seen what your watercolors look like, you can try to do some other styles. Changing your pallet is another thing you might want to try. The watercolors you make with a change of pallet will look kind of weird at first.

The best type of paintbrush is a Sable. It's made out of sable hair.[ A sable is a type of animal] There are many different kinds, shapes, and sizes that brushes can come in. If you go to an art store they will have a section with brushes. Look around or ask for help on what size brush you want. Tube watercolors are usually the best, but if you get a good set of cake watercolors they can look just as good. A good pen to make lines with is a thin sharpie marker. If you don't have a sharpie any permanant marker will do.



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This color key is just to remind you about mixing colors. Once you've tried making these colors try experimenting with other colors. When you are mixing be careful not to mix brown unless you want it.

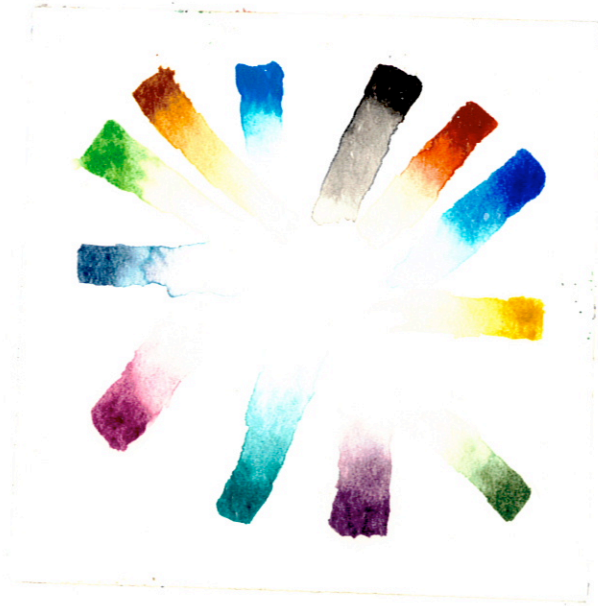


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Some people like to do paintings without using a pen to make lines with.

Depending in your style you may like or dislike this technique.





On this page there are some examples of fades.  
Some of these fades are better than others,  
but if you practice they will look really good.



This is an example of a watercolor that has all fades. The first watercolor I did had all fades in it. It takes a while to learn how to do a good fade, but after a while it gets easy.





In this painting there is a combination of fades and solids. This is an abstract watercolor. A lot of people like to do abstract painting because they're really fun to do.





This watercolor is like any other, but it has some thick black lines in places. This is what my paintings usually look like.



In this painting there it is all solids except for one fade. I only like to do this type of painting once and a while. Some people like to do these paintings all the time.



This type of watercolor is kind of hard to do. When you make intricate paintings you have to be very careful that you don't make a mistake, because it can totally mess you up and you would have to start over.