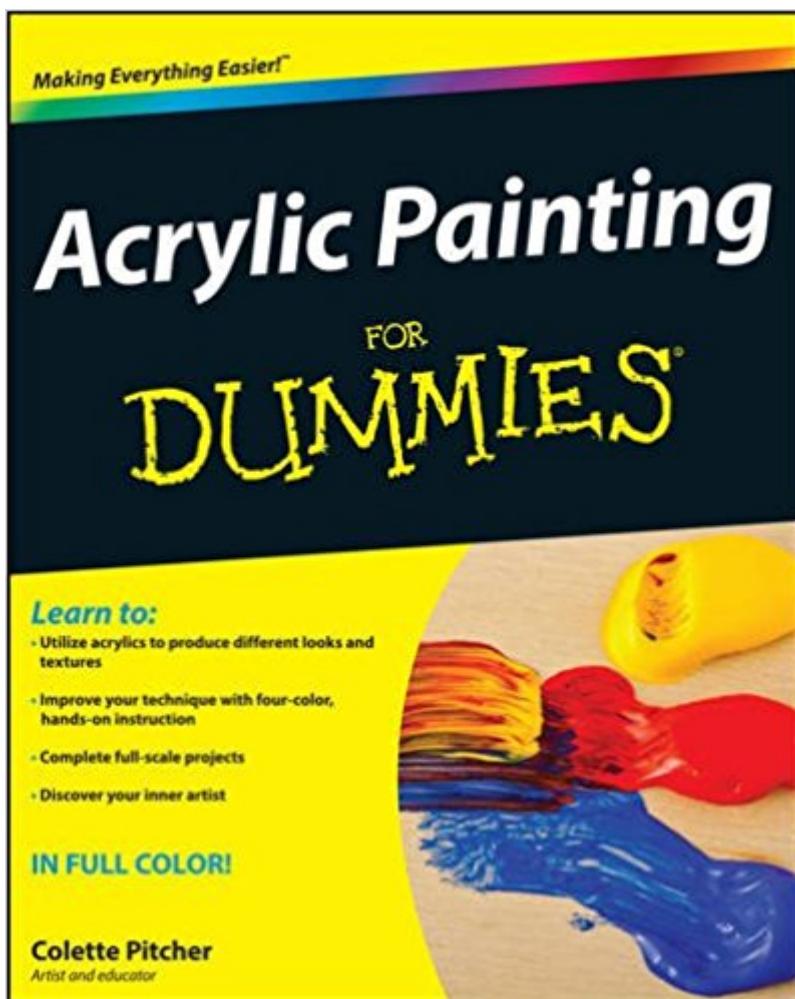


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Acrylic Painting For Dummies



Synopsis

Hands-on, full-color instruction in this versatile painting medium Acrylic paint is easy to use, quick to dry, a cinch to clean up, and relatively inexpensive—œwhich makes it a great medium for amateur artists. Following a simple step-by-step approach, *Acrylic Painting For Dummies* provides hands-on instruction and easy-to-follow exercises in acrylic painting techniques and styles, making the medium accessible to would-be artists at all levels. Featuring large-scale projects at the end of most chapters and ample additional opportunities for readers to paint along, this friendly guide will help anyone discover the artist within.

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Learn to: Utilize acrylics to produce different looks and textures Improve your technique with four-color, hands-on instruction Complete full-scale projects Discover your inner artist Create gorgeous paintings with this fun and easy guide to acrylics! Always wanted to paint with acrylics? This easy-to-follow, full color guide gives you expert instruction and simple exercises in acrylic painting techniques and styles. The step-by-step projects let you practice your skill and stir your imagination; and give you the foundation to create similar projects with your own subjects and surfaces! Get your feet (and brushes) wet; assemble your materials, prepare your surfaces, and sort out additives and enhancers Try out basic acrylic techniques; work with brush strokes, control and thin your paint, experiment with textures, and use stencils Practice design and composition principles; mix and use color, balance elements, make changes, and pull your painting together Imitate several kinds of styles; use acrylic paint to mimic the effects of watercolor and oil paints Build your repertoire; explore texture and dimension, work

with glass, rocks, bricks, metalwork, and more. Open the book and find: Clear step-by-step instructions with illustrations. A variety of projects and styles to suit all tastes. Quick tricks and techniques to get started painting right away. Lots of colorful paintings to inspire creativity. Helpful hints for improving your drawing skills. Full-scale projects at the end of most chapters. Exercises to jump-start your artistic passion.

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Most of my painting experience is with watercolors. I've tried oils but, with a short attention span and even less patience, I found the long drying time of oils frustrating unless I was working wet-on-wet all the time (as in "Think Bob Ross"). Plus, cold weather's driven me inside where oil paint fumes drive the cats crazy. I won't mention what my wife thinks about the fumes. I bought this book more for the technical hints on the properties of acrylic paints than for the painting techniques (which as best as I can tell are comparable to the *Dummies* books on WC and Oils re: techniques which, in turn, compare favorably to most basic "How to Paint with . . ." books). This book met my expectations on the technical side and exceeded my expectations on the techniques side. In addition to helping me decide how to use the technical properties of acrylics to their best advantage, it also helped me figure out how to integrate my oil use and WC use in what the literature calls "mixed media." In short, there were some technical hints as well as technique hints that I could also use in my WC and oil works.

Highly recommend purchasing this book, especially if you have unanswered questions about acrylics and I have dozens of books regarding acrylic painting. Prior to receiving it I'd searched numerous times seeking answers to different acrylic questions. So far, this book has answered them all and every time I refer to it I learn more than I was looking for. It's a bit different from most of the *Dummies* publications as it has excellent full color illustrations and intelligent content. 5+++ stars on this one!

Very informative. Covers everything you can imagine when it comes to acrylic painting. the best book I own.

Just what I needed

Before you begin any project in this book, read completely through the instructions carefully. I tried to do the wolf trading card on p66. The instructions take you about halfway through and then there's a picture of the finished product, with no clue how to finish it. The book does have lots of hints and tricks, but not many step-by-step projects--and those I am hesitant to take on. I am sure there are better books for beginners out there.

Product as described.Great transaction.

I am well-pleased with this book on Acrylic painting. Having just started Acrylic painting, myself, I wanted a reference book that I could use every day to answer simple questions. Like all of the "Dummie" books on other subjects, it is written in simple language, and leads you through the process step by step. Chock full of color illustrations and examples. I'm sure I will be using this book a lot in the years to come.Very high quality and well worth the price.

Good book.

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