

Painting for absolute beginners, in watercolor.

This class is for anyone who would like to learn the basics of how to paint, but doesn't have the schedule to do a 10-part weekly class, or for those who have painted years ago and could use a refresher. I teach the class in watercolor but the first three parts translate to all colored mediums (acrylic, oil, pastel and to a certain extent colored pencil).

This is an intensive 1-day class which runs approximately 9am-4:30pm with a short break for lunch (which you should bring). You will work hard and you will learn a lot. All materials are provided but you should wear clothing that you won't worry if you splash paint on. Watercolor is not an especially messy medium though, and most paint smears will quickly wash out. High school teenagers and adults are the age range for the class. \$90/person at my studio in Salton City. Class maximum of 5 allows for plenty of individual attention.

Part 1:

The learning part:

- Color wheel - Primary secondary and tertiary colors, neutrals.
- Paints - watercolor vs other water-based paints.

The fun part:

- Mixing colors on and off the paper.

Part 2:

The learning part:

- Composition
- Perspective
- Tonal Values

The fun part:

- Painting a simple painting with one color.

Part 3:

The learning part:

- Light and Shade
- Colors to create depth and shadow.

The fun part:

- Developing a simple painting and see the differences color and shadow make.

Part 4:

The learning part:

- Different painting surfaces
- Brushes
- Special Techniques

The fun part:

- Washes.
- Using all of these in a painting.