

GB Instructions

Acrylic paints look like oil paints but they are water soluble, becoming dry and waterproof in 30 minutes. When dry, they are no longer usable, so remember to close paint pots between breaks and after use. Never let the paint dry on your brush otherwise it can't be used again. Thoroughly wash your brush before changing colours and at the end of your painting session. Don't dip a loaded brush into a different colour paint, or you will discolour the entire pot.

Preparation

You will need a flat working area with plenty of light, a jar of clean water and a non-porous palette preferably with individual wells. Protect your clothes and cover your work area with newspaper if necessary -remember this paint will stain. You may find it easier to prop your board up, or perhaps use an easel. Keep the water jar at arms length and change the water occasionally. Leave the paints for 10 minutes before attempting to open. Only open one colour at a time because once the paint dries it is no longer usable.

Where to begin

Familiarise yourself with the colours and their numbers, then arrange the pots in that order. Begin with the largest areas of one colour, leaving the mixed areas till last. Working methodically, paint all the areas with the same number to avoid constantly changing colour. Start at the top of the picture and work to the bottom. Allow time for each section to dry - and try not to rush. Don't overload your brush, apply just enough paint to give an even covering, ensuring lines and numbers are covered. A touch of water may help the paint to flow smoothly.

Mixing Colours

Some areas require mixed colours. These are marked with two numbers denoting the colours required. For example an area marked 3/9 means you have to mix equal amounts of these two colours. For example dip a clean brush into the first colour and put a small amount on your palette, wash your brush, then put the same amount of the second colour with the first, mix together and apply at once.

Warning! Don't mix too much paint or you might not have enough to finish your picture.

Finishing Touches

Now that you have completed all the colouring, you should have a basic painting onto which you can add all the fine details that will bring your picture to life. Using the picture illustrated as your guide, you will see how these finishing touches really do make all the difference. Feel free to improvise and use your imagination.

CE **Warning!** Not suitable for children under 36 months, danger of suffocation if small parts are swallowed. Retain address and instructions for future reference!