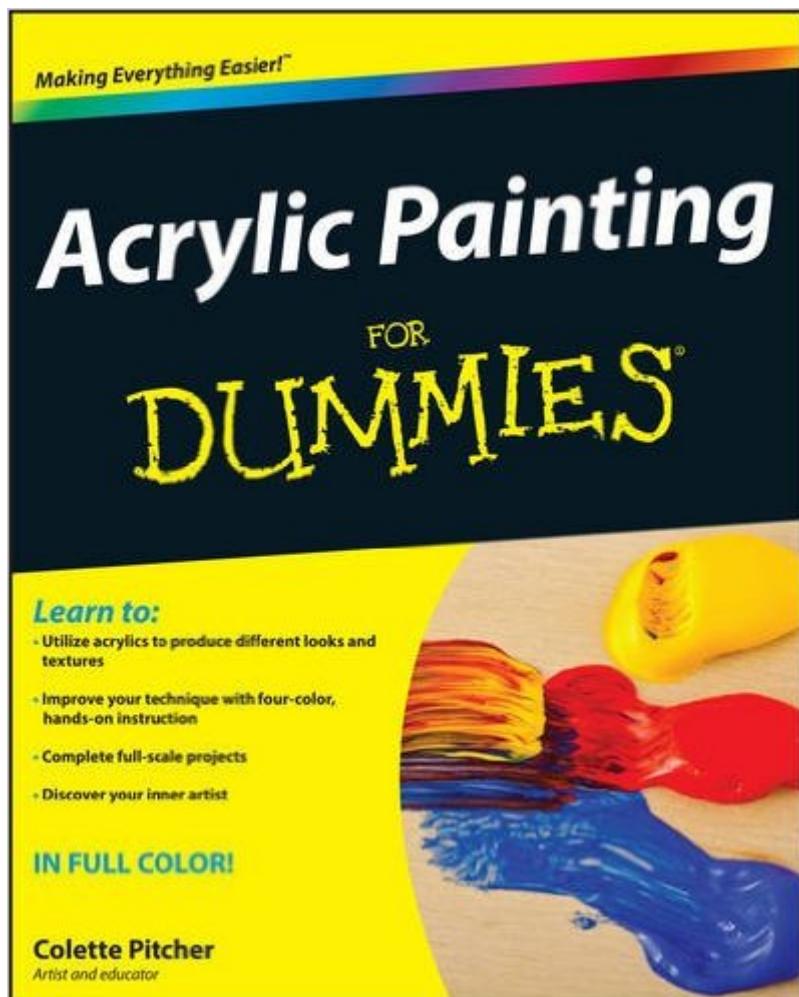


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# Acrylic Painting For Dummies



## 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 inexpensiveâ “which 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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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.

I probably have at least a dozen books on how to paint with acrylics but this one is more helpful and informative than all of the others put together. The instructions are simple to understand and easy to do but the effects are truly creative and varied. The organization is excellent, making it very easy to use. Everything is shown step by step, unlike so many books where you are given a couple of instructions followed by a completed picture...the kind that leave you clueless about the steps it took to get there. The techniques are broken down so that they are very easy to understand but that doesn't mean the effects look simple when finished. There's a multitude of techniques to try as well as demonstrations of brush techniques, kinds of paint mediums and various additives. There are art supplies I never even knew existed that can make very interesting effects. This book differs from others in the "Dummies" series in that there are many colored pictures and illustrations. This book is a pleasure to use.

Fantastic book - not for dummies though. It has very in-depth instructions and it teaches you a lot of good techniques. I gave this book to my sister who is a novice and she loved it. Highly recommended.

Great book for novice painters like me. Really gave me a lot of great short cuts and also the basics with a sense of humour and fun.

I bought this book for a ten year old in a gifted and talented program. She was greatly inspired by the medium and the (few) project ideas inside - namely painting on old notebook covers for practice. She loved painting the colour wheel with her new paints (that I gave her with the book), and learning how everything worked. This book is fantastic for covering the basics for someone who has never touched the medium. I don't know if I'd recommend it for a "normal" ten year old but a teenager would probably enjoy it. I would NOT recommend this book for anyone who's ever painted with acrylics or anyone who needs visual stimuli to learn. It's oversimplified with few pictures and mostly uninspired project ideas.

I just love this book. I should be using it for a reference book, but I am reading it from cover to cover. I love it and I don't want to miss a thing. There is so much information written in an easy to follow fast moving text. Love it.

Having been away from drawing and oils and watercolors for over 20 years, I decided it was time to start again. I purchased 5 acrylic painting books which gave me inspiration to dive into acrylics. But none of those books actually prepared me for the dive. They are terrific books, but didn't give the basics like this book does. I like it so much I purchased several for grandchildren and a daughter-in-law who is starting out with acrylics also.

I have just taken up painting with Acrylics and I have found this book to be my best source for the answers most of us beginners would have. The material is delivered in such a way that it is not intimidating to the reader. Highly Recommended

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