

A FREE WATERCOLOUR TEMPLATE

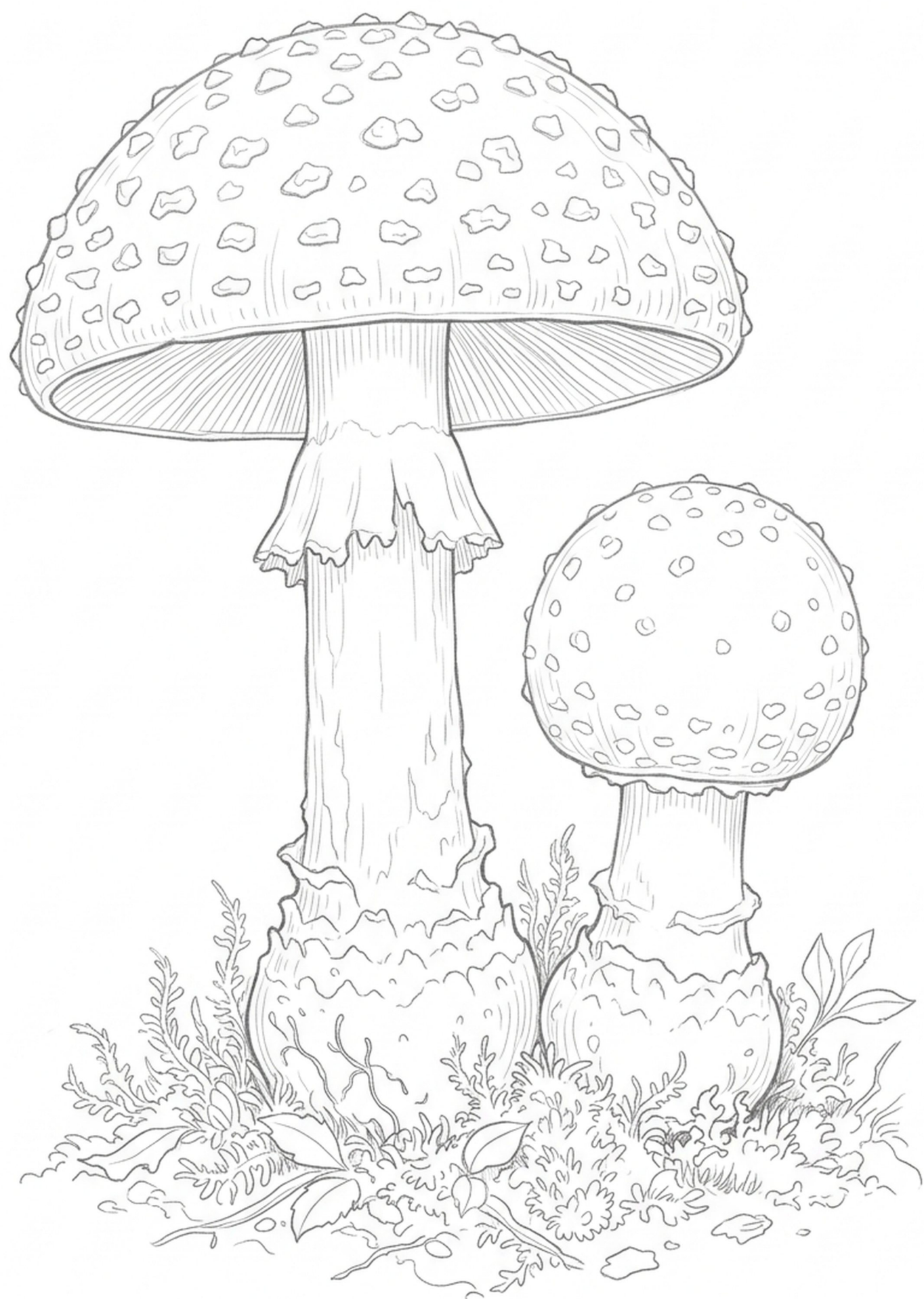
Paint a Red Toadstool

*One free fly agaric template to print
and paint along with the video*



A painted reference, to show one way the colours could go.

Print at 100% on A4 watercolour paper, then paint along with the video.



Paint around the spots, and let the water help

1. Paint around the white spots

Load your brush with plenty of water and a bright orange-red (mine is vermilion hue). Paint the big cap, stepping around some of the spots so they stay white paper. Not all of them, just enough. Wobbly spots look more natural.

2. Deeper red at the rim, while wet

While the cap is still wet, touch a little deep cool red (carmine) just round the edge. It creeps in and darkens the rim all by itself. Then paint the small cap the same way.

3. Lift a spot back

Painted over a spot? Don't panic. Rinse and blot your brush, touch the spot while the cap is still damp, then dab with kitchen roll. The white comes back.

4. Shade the stalk on one side

A watery soft grey down one side of each stalk and under the skirt, and leave the rest as paper. One side in shadow, one in the light.

5. A few quick flicks of grass

Sap green and a little olive green, flicked up from the base. Three or four flicks, not thirty. Then put the brush down.

Which colours?

Any bright orange-red, a deeper cool red, a soft grey and a couple of greens from your own box will do the same job. You don't need the same brand.

Printing

Print at 100% (turn off "fit to page") on A4. Watercolour paper if your printer will take it, fed one sheet at a time.

IF YOU ENJOYED PAINTING THAT ONE

There are nineteen more in the woodland



Wild Mushroom Identifier is twenty British fungi drawn as soft pencil outlines: the fly agaric you just painted, a golden penny bun, purple amethyst deceivers, chanterelles, a shaggy ink cap, a parasol, a giant puffball, chicken of the woods, turkey tail and more.

Every template comes with its own colour recipe card, as one PDF and as separate PNGs, ready to print straight onto watercolour paper.

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