

THE 'WHAT SHALL I PAINT?' SERIES

The Watercolour Idea Menu

*A growing little menu of things to paint when you don't know
what to paint.*

How this menu works

- **It grows.**

Every episode of my What Shall I Paint? series adds a new page of ideas. So keep this PDF safe — pop back and re-download it as it fills up.

- **One line per idea.**

Pick a number, grab your paints, and just start. No drawing skills needed — wonky is welcome here. Each idea comes with a little colour or brush hint to get you going.

- **Your vote counts.**

After every couple of idea videos, you tell me which number to teach properly next. Comment the number on the video, or just reply to my email — I read them all.

— turn the page for your first 20 ideas —

20 Tiny Watercolour Ideas for Beginners

01 Blackberry

one dark blob, drop in violet while it's wet, leave a white shine.

02 Little mushroom

a burnt-sienna cap over a pale grey stem. Size 6 round.

03 Ripe pear

yellow first, a touch of green, then a blush of rose on one cheek.

04 Wonky teacup

one wobbly oval and a curl of a handle, in any colour you love.

05 Tiny cottage

a square, a triangle roof, a warm ochre wash, a curl of smoke.

06 Lit candle

a cream body, a soft orange flame, a golden glow all around it.

07 Round robin

a brown ball, an orange chest, two dot eyes. Small brush.

08 Single stem

a clear glass shape, one green stem, one simple little bloom.

09 Stack of books

three coloured rectangles with a thin spine line on each.

10 Rolling hills

two green curves, a pale sky, the tiniest tree. Big loose brush.

11 Slice of lemon

a yellow circle, white segment lines, a thin green rind.

12 Little succulent

a terracotta pot and sage rosette leaves, wet-on-wet.

13 Seashell

a pale pink fan with soft grey ridges. Leave lots of paper.

14 Hot air balloon

a striped teardrop, a tiny basket, a happy blue sky.

15 Moon & stars

a soft indigo wash, lift out a crescent, dot in gold stars.

16 Bunch of radishes

three pink-red ovals, thin white tails, green tops.

17 Autumn leaf

wet-in-wet orange into red, one fine brown vein down it.

18 Jar of honey

a golden glow inside glass, a little lid, one slow drip.

19 Rain cloud

a soft grey puff and three blue dashes — that's the whole thing.

20 Cup of tea

a warm mug, amber tea, two grey wisps of steam curling up.

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