A FREE CHRISTMAS WATERCOLOUR TEMPLATE

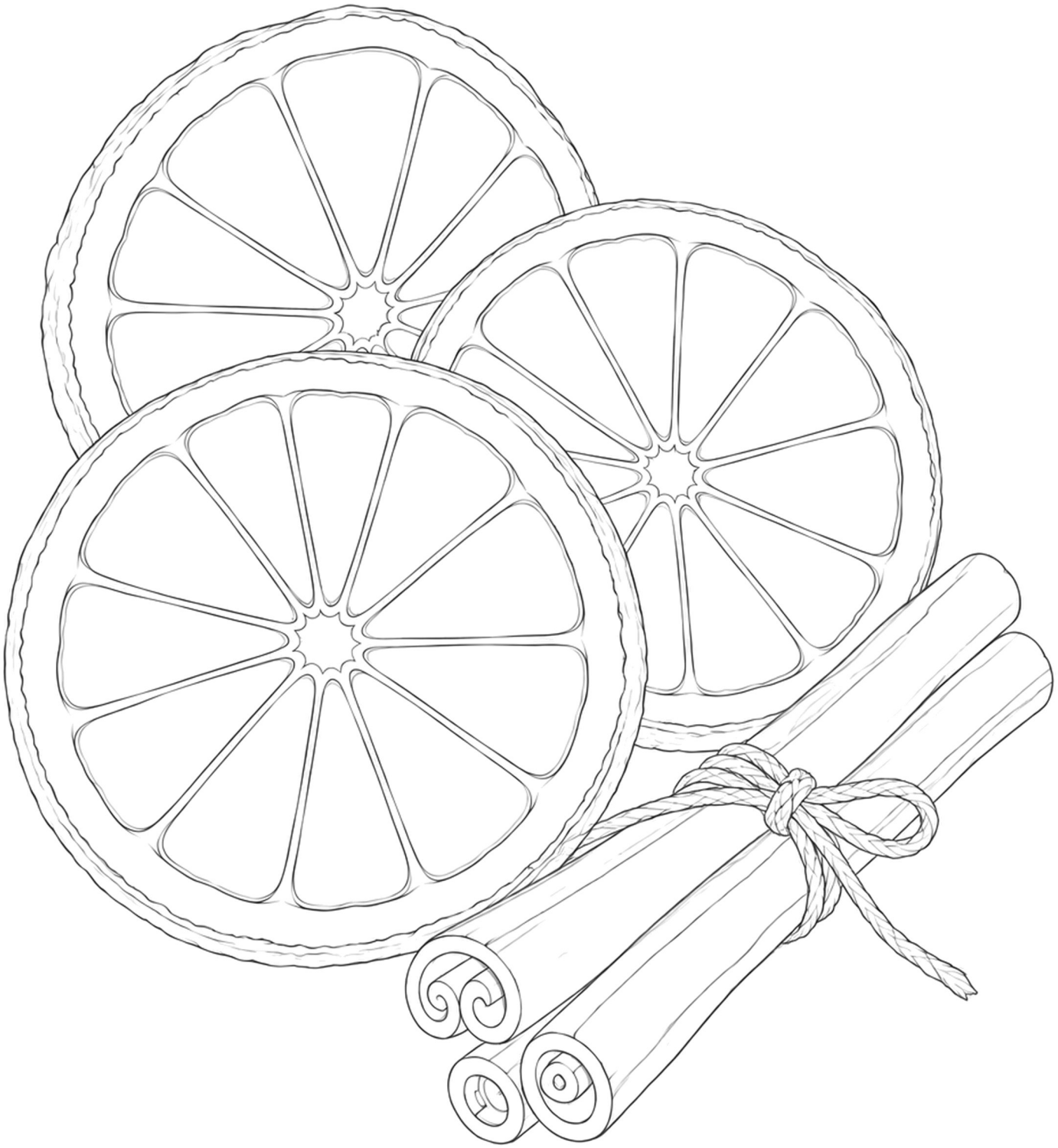
Paint Dried Orange Slices

One free Christmas template to print on watercolour paper and paint in an evening



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

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



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HOW TO PAINT IT

Light first, rind last

1. A pale golden glow

Wet one slice at a time and float in a pale yellow-orange. Leave the centre star and the thin lines between the segments as white paper.

2. Deeper orange, while it's wet

Touch a stronger orange into the outer end of each segment and let it bloom inwards. Dried slices glow, so keep the middle light.

3. The rind

Once the slice is dry, run a band of burnt orange round the edge. Drop a little brown into it here and there for that caramelised look.

4. The cinnamon sticks

A warm red-brown down each stick in one stroke, then a darker brown dropped into the rolled ends and the shadow side while it's damp.

5. Let it dry, then the twine

Wait until everything is bone dry. Give the twine a pale beige wash and, if you like, a few darker brown flecks.

Which colours?

A warm yellow, an orange, a burnt orange or burnt sienna and a brown from your own box will do the 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

The full set: Natural Christmas



Natural Christmas is twenty natural Christmas subjects drawn as soft pencil outlines: the orange slices you just painted, a clove orange pomander, star anise and cloves, silver dollar eucalyptus, a pomegranate, a birch-bark candle and more.

Each subject comes with a painted reference and a Colour Inspiration Card.

The full set arrives on Monday 7 December.

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