A FREE CHRISTMAS WATERCOLOR TEMPLATE

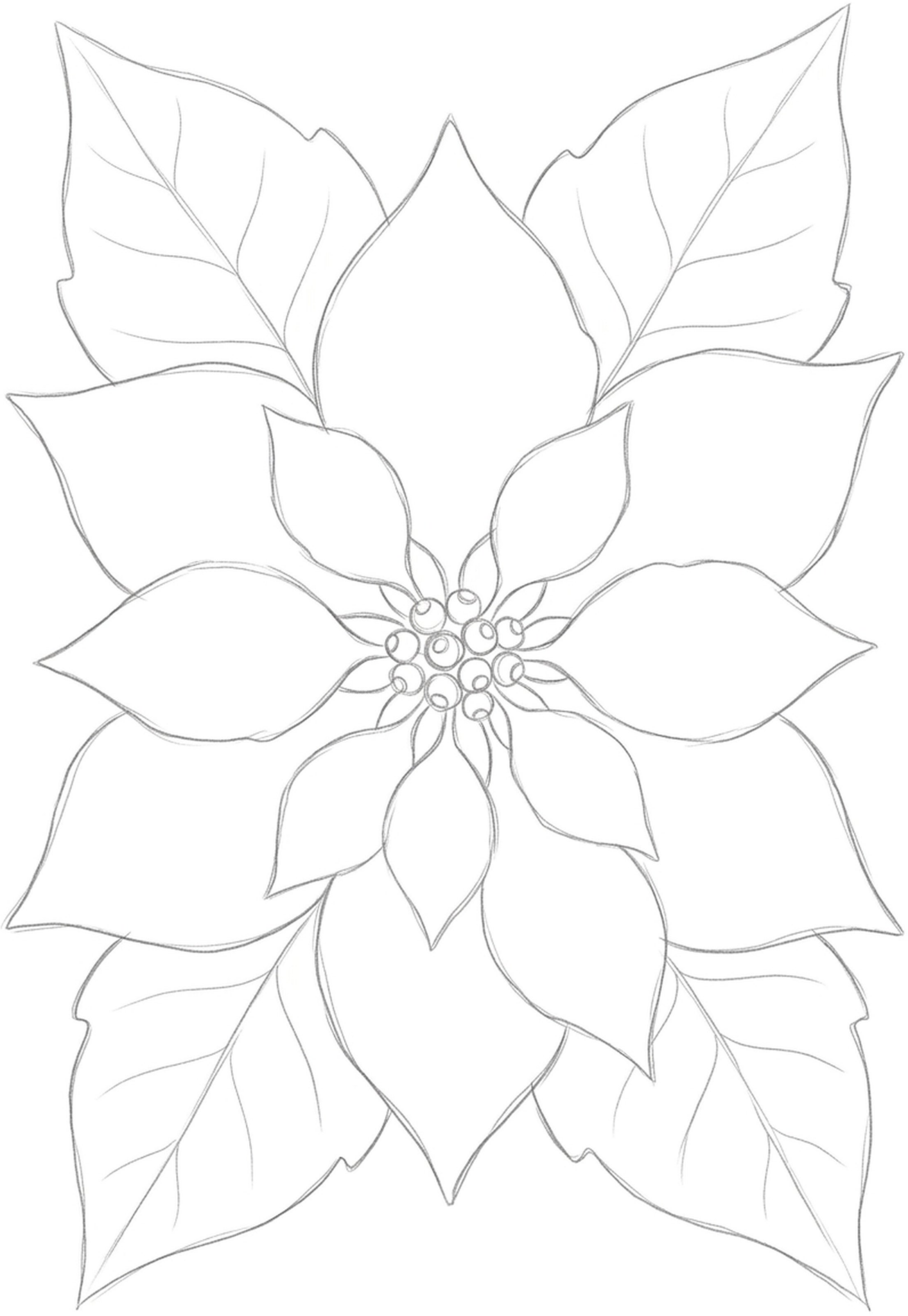
Paint a Loose Poinsettia

One free template to print on watercolour paper, and a big wet brush for the bracts



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

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



HOW TO PAINT IT

One bract at a time, wet in wet

1. Red bracts, one at a time

Load a big brush with a bright red and paint one bract (the red “petal”) at a time. While it's wet, touch a deeper crimson into the base, near the centre, and let it bloom outwards.

2. Leave a sliver of white

Skip a thin line of paper down the middle of some bracts, or along one edge. Those little white gaps keep it fresh and stop the red turning into one big blob.

3. Skip around, let it dry

Paint bracts that don't touch, then come back to the ones in between once the first lot is dry. That keeps a crisp edge where they overlap.

4. Golden buds in the middle

Little dots of golden yellow for the cluster in the centre, with a touch of green on a few. Leave a pinprick of white on each one.

5. Green leaves, then stop

A deep green for the outer leaves with a lighter yellow-green dropped in while wet. A few dark veins once it's dry if you like, then put the brush down.

Which colours?

Any bright red, a deeper crimson, a golden yellow and a couple of greens 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.

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