

A FREE WINTER WATERCOLOUR TEMPLATE

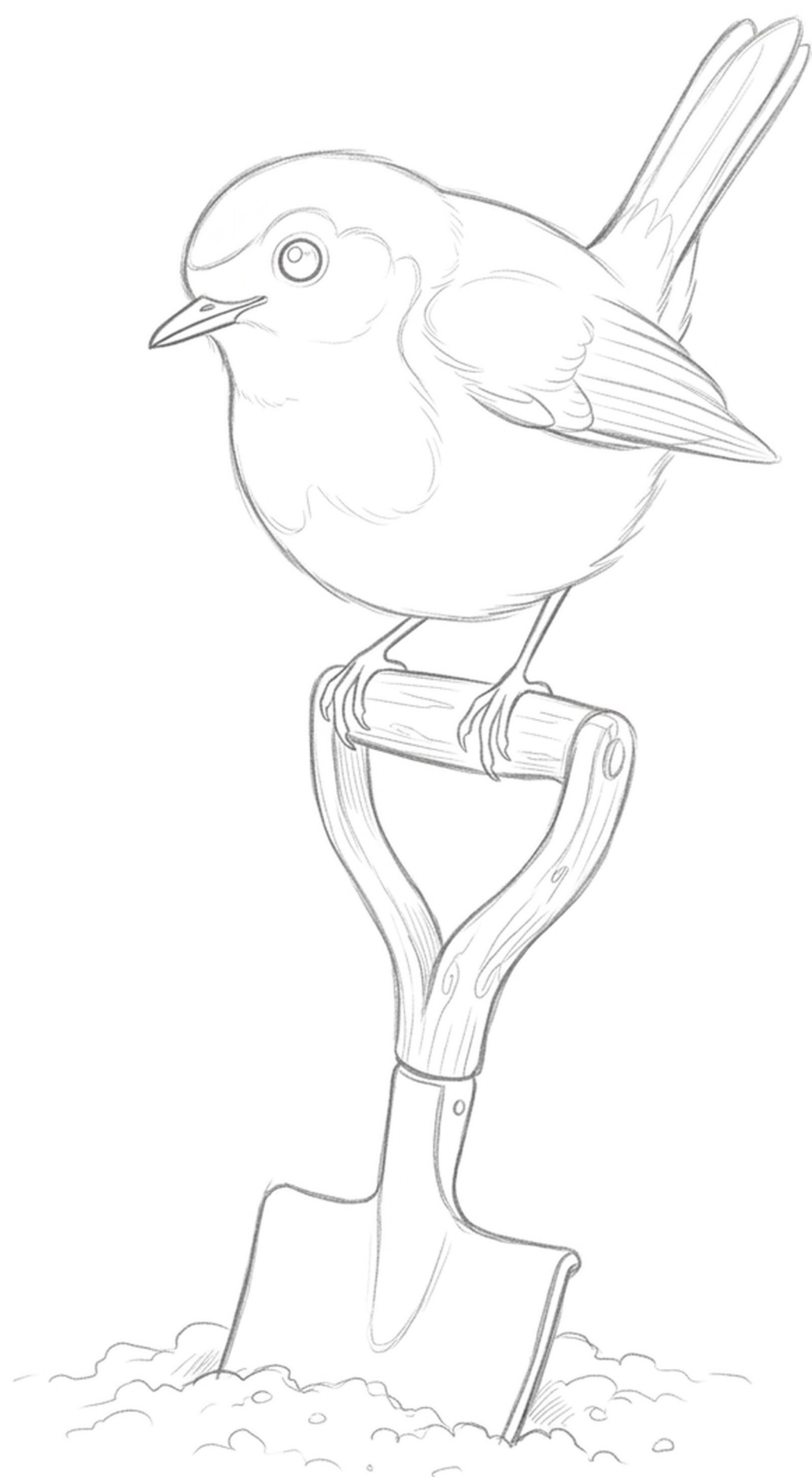
Paint a Robin on a Spade

One free template to print on watercolour paper: the drawing's done, you just add the colour



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

Print at 100% on A4 watercolour paper and paint along.



An orange breast, a soft brown back, and stop early

1. The breast first, nice and wet

Mix an orange with a touch of red and float it over the face and breast. Leave the belly as white paper, and soften the bottom edge with a damp brush so the orange fades into it.

2. A whisper of blue-grey

While the orange is still just damp, run a thin line of soft blue-grey where the breast meets the back. Let the two touch and bleed a little. That soft edge is very robin.

3. A warm brown back

A warm brown with a little green in it for the head, back, wings and tail. Leave a hairline of white paper between the wing and the back so they don't merge into one shape.

4. The spade

A pale, warm wood colour on the handle and a cool grey on the blade, with a strip of white paper left down one side for the shine. A little brown-violet for the soil, very loose.

5. Eye, beak and legs last

When everything is dry, a dark dot for the eye with a tiny speck of white left in it, a thin dark beak and fine legs gripping the handle. Then put the brush down.

Which colours?

An orange, a red, a warm brown, a little green, a blue-grey and a dark from your own box will do it. A blue mixed with a brown makes a softer dark than black.

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 coming Monday 16 November

Look what you can paint

20 winter garden birds, painted references included



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Winter Garden Birds Identified is twenty British garden birds drawn as soft pencil outlines: the robin you just painted, a robin in the snow on holly, a blue tit, a wren, a goldfinch, a long-tailed tit, a bullfinch, a waxwing and more.

Every template comes with a painted reference and a colour inspiration card, plus a bird identifier page, as PDFs and as separate PNGs. You'll hear about it in my newsletter the week it's ready.

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