

Watercolour Hanging Basket

If you are a beginner to watercolour painting or whether you just want to try something different, this hanging basket is simple yet effective and can be added to a completed picture or it can be used as an image for card making and other craft projects. Just follow the simple step-by-step instructions below and you'll have the hang of it in no time.

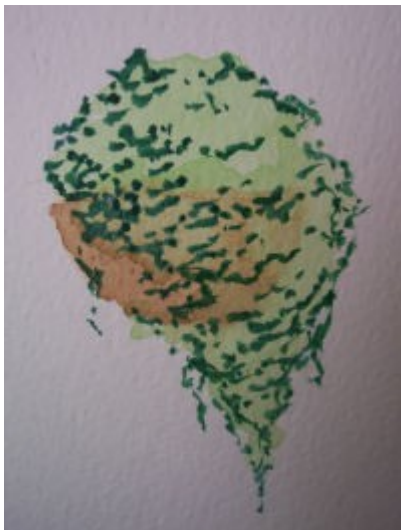
You will need:

A selection of watercolour paints (either tubes or pans), a small paintbrush (I have used a size 4), water, and either watercolour cartridge paper or another high gsm paper.

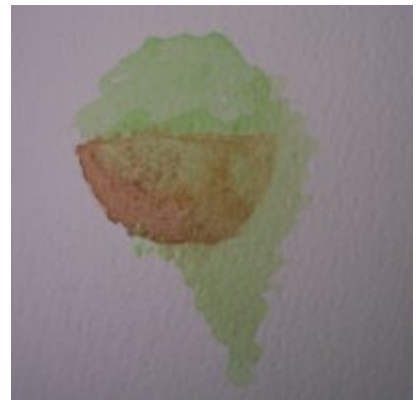


1. Using a pale brown colour, paint a rough semi-circular shape onto your page as shown, as this is a wash, the colour should be watered down. Add a darker brown to the left of the basket to give your basket some 3-Dimensional shape.

2. Add a pale green wash to the paper as shown in the picture. The green should 'tumble' down the right side of the basket.



3. Using a dark green colour (not a wash) start to add 'leaves' to your greenery. Randomly dab the green paint using the tip of your paintbrush. Try to recreate the technique shown in the picture.





4. Decide on the first colour for your flower (I have chosen a red colour). Paint larger dabs of paint randomly on one area of your basket as shown. To do each flower I have dabbed a small amount of paint onto the paper, then built up the area with a series of other small dabs, this will leave you with more of a flower shape than a large blob of colour.
5. Choose 2 more colours and follow step 4 to finish the flowers on your basket. If after painting your flowers you think there is too much space on your wash, you can always add more greenery.
6. Finally, using a dark grey or black, paint a fine dashed line to create the chain for the hanging basket as shown.