The Beginner's Guide to Painting with Opaque Watercolour

What is Opaque Watercolour?

Opaque watercolour paints are made with a white pigment, such as titanium dioxide, which gives them their opaque quality. This means that they can be used to create paintings that are bright and vibrant, even on dark paper. Opaque watercolour paints are also very versatile, and can be used to create a wide range of effects, from realistic landscapes to abstract paintings.

Materials You Will Need

- Opaque watercolour paints
- Watercolour brushes
- Watercolour paper
- A palette
- A cup of water

Getting Started

The first step is to prepare your palette. Add a small amount of each colour of paint to your palette, and then add a little bit of water to each colour. You can use a brush to mix the paint and water together to create a smooth consistency.

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Once your palette is prepared, you can start painting. Start by painting a few simple shapes on your paper. Don't worry about making them perfect, just focus on getting the paint onto the paper.

As you paint, you will need to add water to your brush to keep the paint from drying out. You can also use a brush to blend colours together, or to create different effects.

Tips for Beginners

- Start with a light touch. Opaque watercolour paints can be very pigmented, so it is important to start with a light touch to avoid creating harsh lines.
- Use plenty of water. Opaque watercolour paints can be very thick, so it is important to use plenty of water to keep them from drying out.
- Blend colours together. Opaque watercolour paints can be blended together to create a wide range of colours.
- Experiment. Opaque watercolour paints are a versatile medium, so feel free to experiment with different techniques and effects.

Opaque watercolour paints are a great way to create vibrant and opaque paintings. They are perfect for beginners because they are easy to use and can be mixed to create a wide range of colours. With a little practice, you can create beautiful paintings with opaque watercolour paints.



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