

Find your own painting style

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Ask yourself a few questions when considering how you want your style to be! For example, what is your general approach and your technique? What suits you? You will find, after trying different styles that eventually you need to be yourself. You don't want to be just an imitator of another painter!

Paint as often as you can and your own style will develop naturally without you realising it. There are so many painting styles too numerous to mention. With time and regular painting, your own style will emerge naturally. Other artist's work will often influence you one way or another and some styles you will want to avoid and others you may be tempted to imitate. It is all part of the learning curve, as long as you don't lose your own individuality.

To paint well needs well practised observation and the skill to transfer what is seen onto your paper or board. A focal point is important and learning the skill of where to put it and how to draw the eye to it by your colours, textures and design takes time and practice.

A group of artists painting the same scene will all probably depict the focal point in varying ways using different techniques and skills. After all, one has to use one's brains to make an appealing picture and we are all different!

There is nothing wrong in learning from other artists skilled with much experience using a paintbrush. Take note of the outstanding elements and use them to develop your own technique. Don't restrict yourself to one or two subjects. Try different ones but keep it simple by spending time observing before picking up that brush! Use a limited palette, no more than say six colours. Often less is more!! That is to say the less you use the more the impact can be. This helps to keep it fresh. Don't mix more than two or three colours together or you may find you have mixed undesirable mud!

Painting pictures is fun and can be so rewarding. So good for the well being!