

Tips for Artists

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1. A good painting can be spoilt by overworking it. Try to teach yourself when to stop working on it! With watercolour, practice by using a large brush from the start and keep it loose and free. Just use the smaller brush for the details and then stand back and admire your work!
2. Never paint acrylic over oil paint however, the other way round is fine! Then it is best to put the acrylic paint away as they can get mixed up!
3. When painting outside, the wind can cause havoc with your paper making it flap around. Try putting a rubber band around the bottom of your pad. This can work well and is less damaging than a paper clip.
4. Painting Outdoors? Take the minimum of equipment with you. For your comfort, a donkey stool or fisherman's chair with pockets is one of the best seats, light and fairly easy to carry. Take two bulldog clips and attach either side of your board and support with thin rope attached and looped around your neck to give you the right angle from which to work.