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Trace & Paint Flowers



Synopsis

Four renowned flower artists show how to paint beautiful paintings in watercolour and acrylics, and there are free pull-out outlines so that you can bypass the drawing stage. Wendy Tait uses transparent watercolour washes and luminous, glowing colours; Fiona Peart allows vibrant washes to run into each other in a spontaneous yet controlled way; Michael Lakin paints beautiful, detailed botanical studies; and Wendy Jelbert uses acrylics to paint lovely, varied flower studies. Learn to paint tulips, irises, poppies, sunflowers, roses and much more.

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Customer Reviews

I am working on my second painting project from this book. The first project I did was the Vibrant Tulips by Fiona Peart, and I am working on a second project also by her with the blue iris's. In the tulip project she instructs you to outline the whole project with a water soluble pen after tracing onto your paper. I did that with a tombo pen which is not a good choice for this project as it bled way too much dulling the colors. I had to scrap the whole thing and start over. This time, I used the back of the (scrapped) watercolor project to test out several other water soluble pens and found it difficult to avoid the outline bleeding into the colors too much. In the end, I decided not to outline the project at all and was glad I didn't. It might have been helpful for her to suggest a specific soluble pen? I just couldn't find one that would work well. For the Blue and Purple Iris project, I'm erring on the side of caution and testing out the techniques first before committing to the project paper!(always a good idea in hindsight...sigh!) In this project she instructs you to scratch out veins on leaves with a palette

knife which didn't work for me at all. If I hadn't of tested this out I would have been very unhappy as the scratches can't be undone on the original. I tested out several other tools for scratching and I decided to "mask" the vein lines in first and found that will work just fine, giving me the same result. I love that the palette of colors for many of the projects are very limited, and you'll be pleased with the vibrant colors you'll learn to mix from that "limited" palette. To sum up, lots of beautiful do-able projects, but caution you to "test" out instructions first on watercolor paper scraps before committing to the paper your painting will be on.

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