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Activities at Home

Painting: Getting Started

1. Video Courses for the Beginner

Painting Foundations: Acrylic [Library Card Required to Register]

<https://www.lynda.com/Design-Skills-tutorials/Foundations-Acrylic-Painting/192254-2.html?org=friscolibrary.com>

This video course is intended for the beginner. Using acrylics is the simplest and most effective way for an absolute beginner to learn how to paint successfully. In this course, you will begin a journey that will unleash your inner artist, introducing the materials and techniques used in acrylic painting.

Painting Foundations: Creating Palettes for the Landscape [Library Card Required to Register]

<https://www.lynda.com/Color-tutorials/Foundations-Painting-Creating-Palettes-Landscape/450911-2.html?org=friscolibrary.com>

This course for beginners will help you learn to recreate the color palettes of nature and learn how to paint more evocative landscapes. The course teaches painting techniques for quickly capturing the mood of a landscape throughout the four seasons, from a vibrant summer's day to a muted winter snow scene.

Artist at Work: Creating a Visual Hierarchy [Library Card Required to Register]

<https://www.lynda.com/Design-Color-tutorials/Artist-Work-Creating-Visual-Hierarchy/144780-2.html?org=friscolibrary.com>

This beginning level video course uses tube watercolors. Learn how the human eye perceives objects in a scene in order of contrast. Tone, color, and glazing are used to establish this "visual hierarchy" in your art. Join award-winning illustrator and Rhode Island School of Design professor Mary Jane Begin back in her studio as she discusses tricks to achieve visual hierarchy.

Drawing for the Absolute Beginner [[Library Card Required to Register](#)]

<https://education.gale.com/l-friscopl/online-courses/drawing-for-absolute-beginner/?tab=detail>

This six week course will help you gain a solid foundation and understanding of the basics of drawing and become the artist you've always dreamed you could be!

2. Books for the Beginner

[One Painting A Day: A Six Week Course In Observational Painting \[ebook\]](#)

[The Art of Oil Painting \[ebook\]](#)

[Donna Dewberry's Complete Book of One-Stroke Painting \[ebook\]](#)

[Painting With Bob Ross](#)

[The Painting Workbook: How to Get Started and Stay Inspired](#)

[Watercolour Painting Step-by-Step](#)

[Acrylic Painting Step-by-Step](#)

3. YouTube Channels for the Beginner

[Bob Ross: The Joy of Painting](#)

Informative and relaxing.

[Paint with Kevin](#)

This tutorial channel is suitable for artists who want to get down to painting and produce their first landscape artwork in oil paints or acrylics.

[Drawing and Paint with Paint Basket](#)

A great place to start for beginners in acrylics, oil painting, watercolor, pastels, pen sketching and pencil drawing.

[Jerry Yarnell](#)

Jerry Yarnell is a painter, instructor and owner of the Yarnell School of Fine Art. He is also known from the television show "Paint This with Jerry Yarnell". In these tutorials, Jerry teaches some basic understanding of the painting process including painting rocks, reflections and other landscape related subjects.