

Synopsis

Most art instruction books are much too general for the beginner. But every volume of The DK Art School gives the reader the precise information needed to create a delightful work of art.

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Customer Reviews

When I decided that I wanted to start painting, I bought five "How To" books. This one is my favorite, hands down. The book is well organized, well written, and contains a lot of beautifully detailed photographs. The author has kept the text to a minimum, letting the photographs do much of the talking, which works far better for me than other books that have more emphasis on written instruction. In only 72 pages, every topic is covered, and no question is left unanswered. It begins with a brief history of the medium, then moves on to cover color, paint types, brushes, painting surfaces, tools, and techniques, as well as galleries of different painting styles. There's even a section on experimental approaches, such as stenciling and inventive scraping. Rather than presenting a series of exercises (as many books do), this author encourages experimentation and discovering your own personal style, an approach that really inspired me to pick up a brush and get started. Also worth mentioning is that every photograph and illustration is in color . . . really GOOD color. This may sound like a no-brainer, but a few of the other books I purchased contained a lot of black-and-white photos. Hey, you can't learn to paint in black and white! Experienced artists may find the material here a bit too rudimentary, but for the true novice, like myself, this book is a winner. If you're looking for that ONE book to get you started, this is it!

Completely useless. Wish I could return it but doing so costs more than the price of the book. I found this book so uninformative that I'm not even going to say what it actually covers because everything is here is covered in EVERY and any book about acrylic painting. Really no need for this one. Save your money and buy some book you can actually use.

This book is amazing. I feel like I can really start painting after reading this book. Completely different than other step by step books that give you a general idea of painting but don't really further teach you the techniques like this one. Worthy the price!

This is illustrated in full color. There are some great tips, that are helpful without being too detailed for a beginner. I am not an artist, I do not ever expect to be one, I just want to paint to relax and enjoy the process. This fits the bill for me. I'm glad I chose it.

This book is like textbook material not really a how-to. It briefly touches on everything and doesn't show you any real techniques to use with acrylics. It's a brief guide to a history of art with acrylic. I just started painting after 3 wine and sips and wanted to do more. I went to liberty found ones that really help and then found them on used site. Wish I had seen this first would not of bought. ,

This is a helpful book to introduce the painter to how to use acrylic paints. I am pleased with the information and the reference source it has made in my library. I recently switched from using one medium to using acrylics and this book helped me make the transition smoothly. I appreciate this handy tool!

I am delighted with the DK Art School book Introduction to Acrylics. It arrived in a timely manner and is perfect for my uses. I have taken art classes and now I want to try my hand at painting acrylics and this book is just the one for me to use. I recommend this book to budding artist everywhere.

Came in excellent condition still need to study the book more before I start painting

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