Fun with paint

with the Art Gallery of New South Wales

Make art

Art Gallery NSW
Artists love to create. They paint all sorts of things for us to look at, from portraits to landscapes, still-lifes to abstract patterns and everything in between.

Artists often experiment with paint to create different effects. They might use layers of vivid colours or thin washes of soft and translucent tones. Some paint their subjects in a realistic, almost photographic way. Others let the paint itself become the subject of their art.

Do you love to draw and paint things?
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You will need:
Sketchbook
Pencils
Eraser
Sharpener
Brush
Watercolour paints
Watercolour pencils
Oil pastels
Water
Your imagination!

The possibilities are endless. Here are some ideas to get you started:

Paint ...
• a rainbow to practice mixing your colours
• a pattern of shapes and lines
• a giant tree
• fruit and vegetables
• a scene from your favourite story or movie
• a rockpool of sea creatures
• dramatic clouds
• an exotic palace from a faraway land
• something from your imagination art.

Be inspired by these paintings from the Gallery’s collection and get creative.

Use your sketchbook or some paper and have fun with paint. Experiment with paint and see how many new colours you can create. Or how about drawing with oil pastels first and then layering paint on top to see how the pastels resist the paint?