GOUACHE and PENCILS: Draw a colourful storefront in eight easy steps



Greetings to all my fellow creators!

This workbook will take you through the process of drawing this colorful storefront and teach you some basic techniques of gouache painting.





First, make sure you've got all the supplies! Here's what you will need:



gouache paints
colored pencils
2B graphite pencil
an eraser
brushes (small, medium, large)
a palette
(watercolor) paper
draft paper
a roll of masking tape
paper towel
a jar of water water

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preliminary steps

Can't wait to get started? I know! But don't rush into step 1 just yet! There are a couple of important things you need to do before you start working on your painting.

Masking tape

If you're using a sketchbook or a pad, tape your sheet of paper to the rest of the sketchbook/pad to prevent your paper from buckling.



Thumbnail sketch

On your draft paper, make a preliminary sketch and try out your colors. See how different shades work together and where all the colors will go on your sketch, so that there are no surprises later on. Many beginners tend to skip this stage. As a result, they find themselves lost in the middle of their painting when they suddently don't have the right color.





Step 1. Draw a pencil sketch. Make sure you're drawing really lightly, don't press too hard on your pencil. I've made my sketch a bit darker to make it easier for you to copy.



Step 3. Color all the parts you want.



Step 2. Rub the pencil lines with an eraser to make them lighter. Start painting: color the window and the door, very loosely.



Step 4. Add the details (with gouache) and let your paints dry before moving on to the next step.



Step 5. Add details with colored pencils.



Step 6. Add more details with colored pencils and gouache again.



Step 7. Add more details if you feel like it.



Step 8. Take off the masking tape and admire the completed artwork! Don't forget to show it off on Instagram and tag me @julia_henze or use the hashtag #juliahenze_learnwithme.



I am Julia Henze, urban sketcher and artist based in the Netherlands. I am also a Top Teacher on Skillshare.

My mission is to help art enthusiasts on their creative journey. If you find it difficult to paint on a regular basis, need some inspiration or don't know where to start, I am there to guide you!

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