

Watercolour Beginners Course

23 and 24 May, 9.30 to 3.00

Cost: \$195

Course overview

In this course you will learn the basics of watercolour painting, which materials to use, how to use the medium with confidence, and have some splatter fun with tips and tricks. On completion you will have made at least 4 paintings and know the essentials to get you going with this amazing medium.

All course materials will be provided, but if you have watercolour paper, brushes, or paints, do bring them along! Additionally, I have prepared an information sheet with the whys and wherefores of the materials for this medium.

You will need to bring your own sturdy board about A3 size or bigger, kitchen towels or cloth, water container, a mixing plate/palette, 2B or HB pencil and eraser, an old toothbrush, some sticks, a bit of bubble wrap, some cling film, an old store card.

BYO lunch and anything delicious you'd like to share around

Day 1

Morning session - 9.30 to 12

- Greetings and quick share of art journey/why watercolour
- Watercolour, how is it different from other media, ways of building up, stages of a painting, transparency
- Loading the brush, water control tryouts, brush control with skies, grasses, and sparkling seas
- Demo: wet/wet and wet/dry, water control - 1st painting

Lunch 12 to 12.30

Afternoon session - 12.30 to 3

- Transparency - the white of the paper
- Building up, layering
- Making greys and darks
- Contrast
- Fixing mistakes, scrubbing out
- Demo - loose coastal with flax - 2nd painting

Day 2

Morning session - 9.30 to 12

- Background, foreground, composition
- Loose or tight?
- Detailing
- Timing
- Glazing
- Demo with floral or landscape - 3rd painting

Lunch 12 to 12.30

Afternoon session - 12.30 to 3

- Tricks, sticks, and flicks
- Line and wash
- Play with paint
- Make your own masterpiece - 4th painting