

Art For Wellness



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CREATIVE WELLNESS



COLLABORATIVE
ART PROJECT

"DEER"



Watercolour
demo with
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Deer in watercolours

Painting is an art
with a healing power.



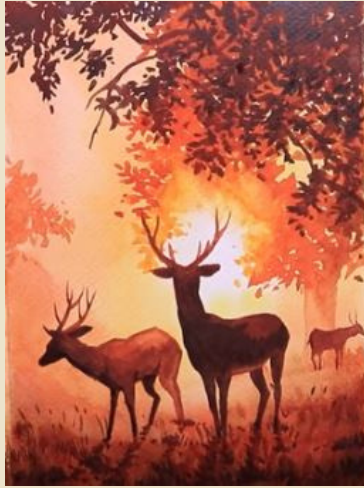
Materials You Need

- Watercolour or mixed media paper (size A5 or A6)
- Watercolour paints
- X2 roundhead paintbrushes (size 8 upwards or medium size will be fine) & the smallest brush you have.
- Water
- HB pencil

Deer for Beginners

Below you can see each step from the video to follow. This will give you a visual image and support your project.

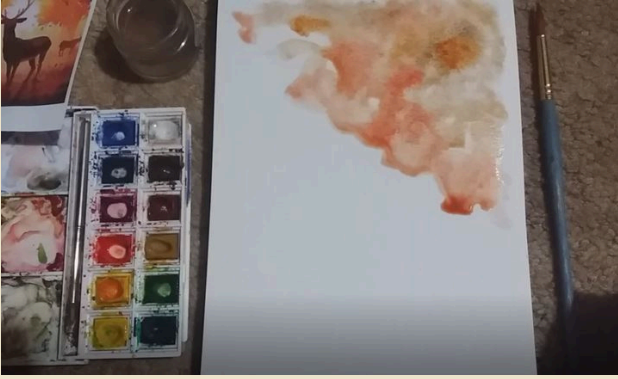
Reference Photo



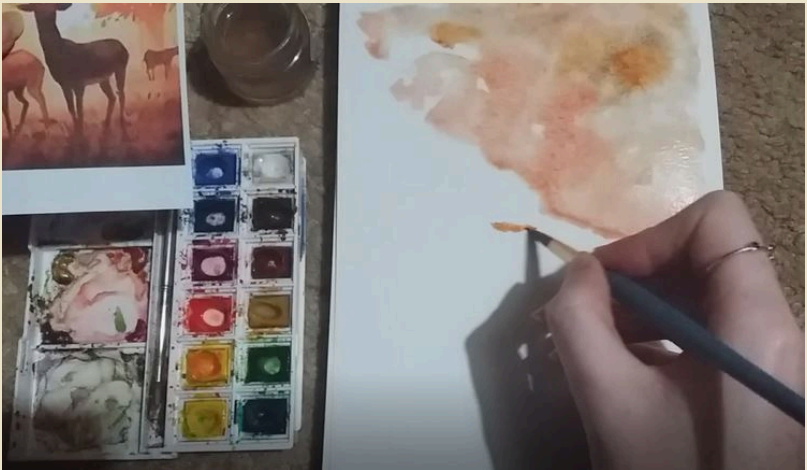
Step 1: If you want to do a basic sketch beforehand, using a pencil, draw the image & then moisten the top part of the paper using water, try to work quite quickly as you don't want the paper to dry out because you need the paint to flow.



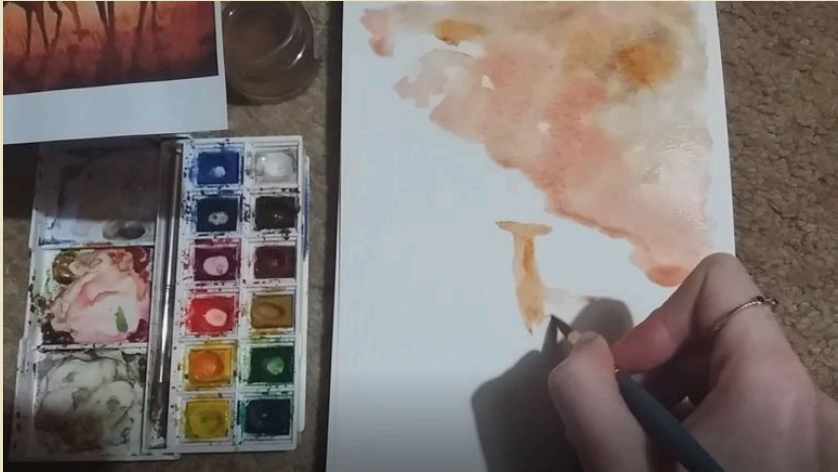
Step 2: Using x2 tones of brown paint, begin to add colour in a stippling motion with your brush



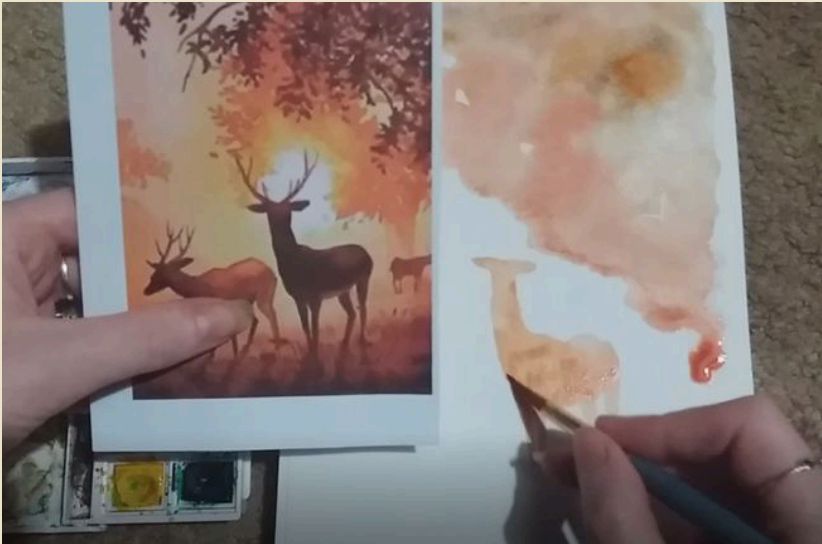
Step 3: Whilst this section is drying, dart your gaze back & forth between the reference & your painting as this will help you to get proportion. If your brush is damp enough (if not add a little water), begin to add brown paint for the reindeer (leaving the antlers until later)



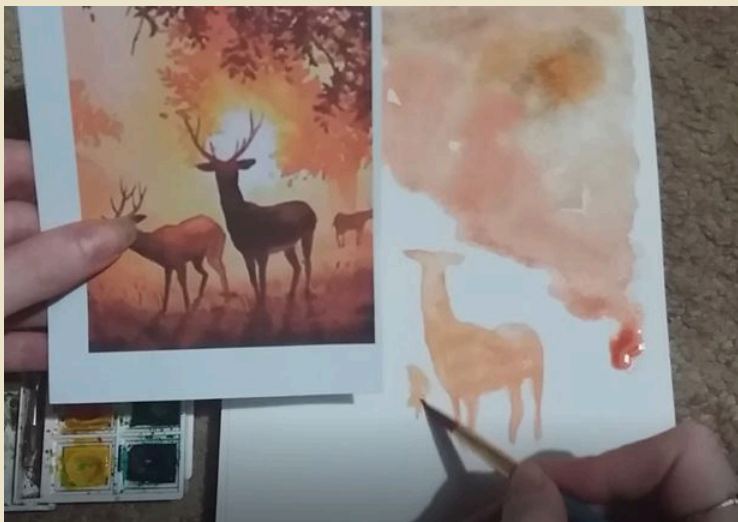
Step 4: Work your way down adding detail to the shape of the reindeer



Step 5: Look for areas of shade & add a darker tone of paint as this makes the reindeer look 3D

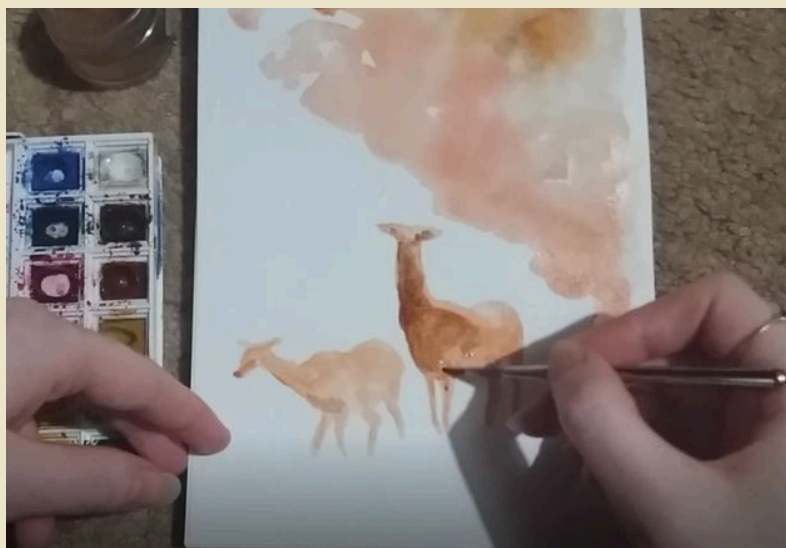


Step 6: Look at the areas/gaps between the reindeer as you paint, this builds your observational skills & helps you to maintain proportion & builds the composition & remember to dart your gaze back & forth.

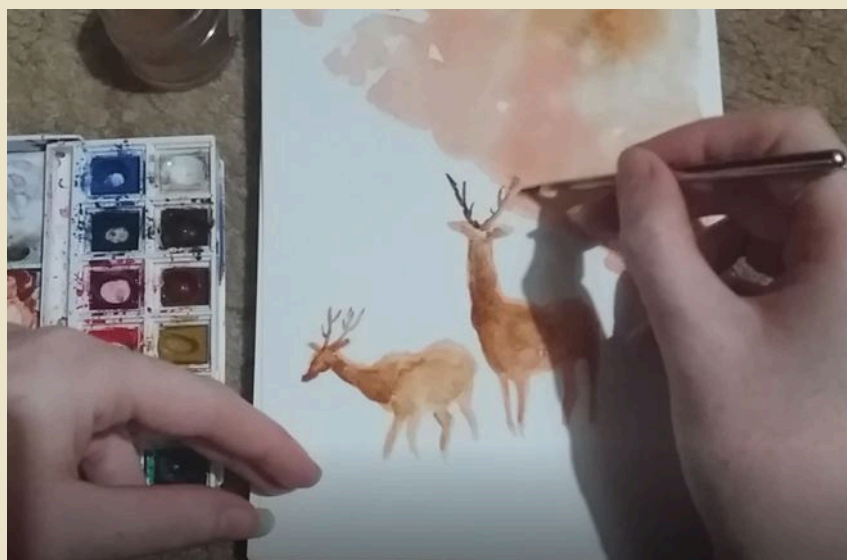


Step 7: Using your smaller brush, add a darker tone of brown paint for the shape on the bodies of the reindeers, this adds contrast & definition & makes them stand out.

Brush tips – To create fine lines, press the brush lightly onto the surface then flick as you pull it up. Round-tip brushes are good for watercolour. Think about the pressure you apply & whereabouts you are holding the brush on the handle, nearer the brush-tip will give you more accuracy & detail.

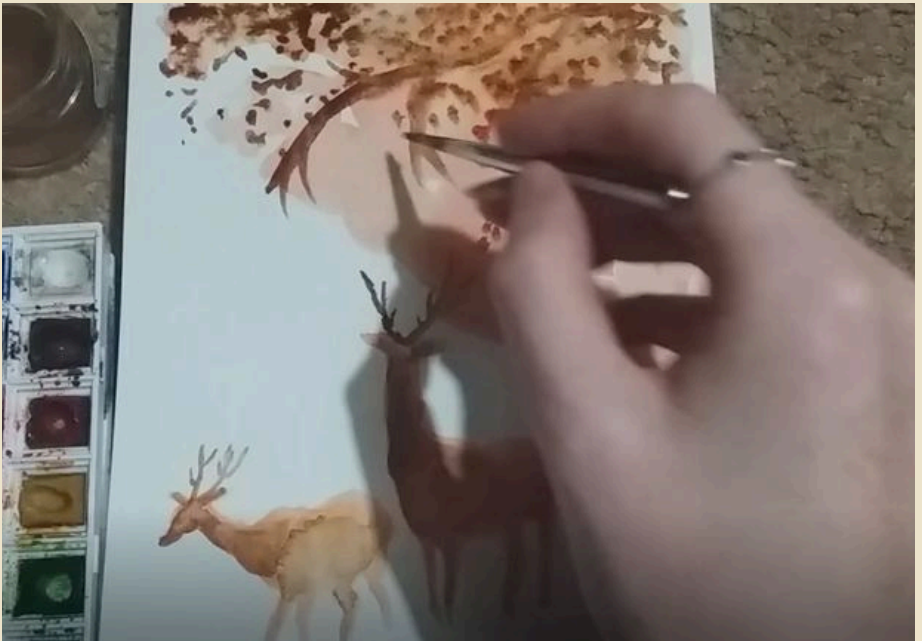


Step 8: Begin to put in the antlers using your smaller brush



Step 9: Add in some leaves to the top section of your painting, making stippling motions to dot the leaves around. Use a paler tone of paint for the leaves that are in the background & a darker tone for the leaves that are in the foreground.

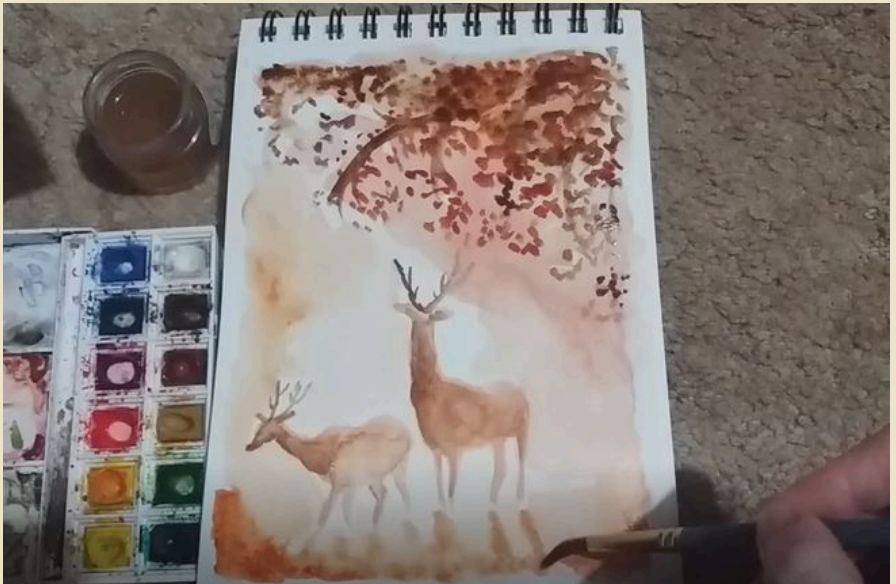
Top Tip – What adds to any painting is the composition & tones. The background will always be paler in tone as it is further away & anything that is closer to us will be darker & clearer/defined.



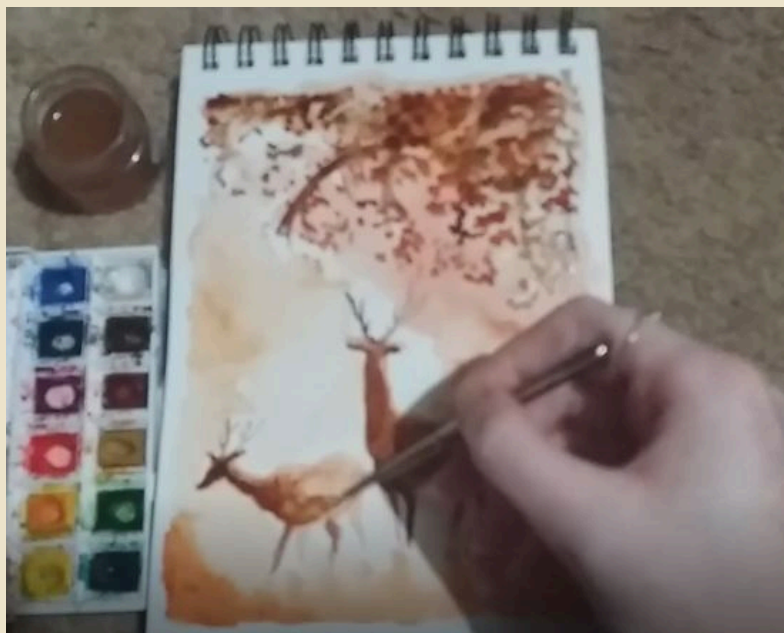
Step 10: Add some water to the background & add some paint to build up the composition



Step 11: Add detail to the bottom, including the shadows of the reindeers' legs.



Step 12: Add any final details to the reindeer including darker tones for shade as this really brings them to life.



Thanks for taking part, I hope you found this tutorial helpful!



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