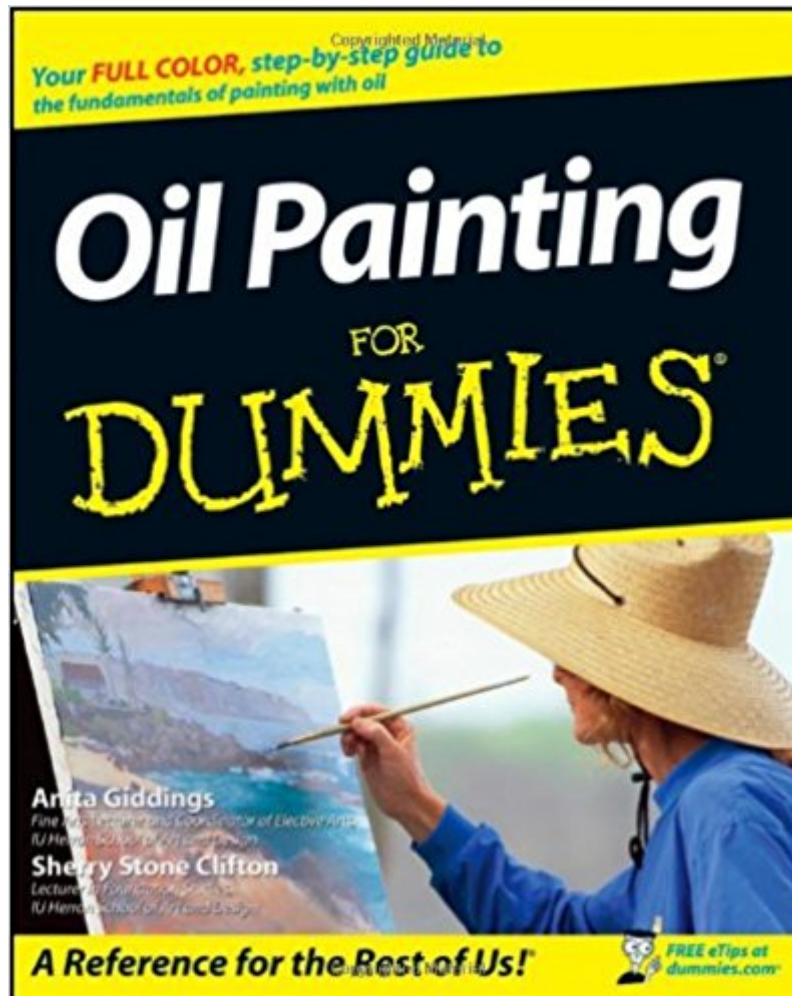




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# Oil Painting For Dummies



## Synopsis

Nobody ever said that oil painting was easy. But it gets much easier and a lot more fun when you follow a step-by-step approach that starts you off on the right foot, helps you build your skills one at a time, and gives you plenty of exercises to develop your craft. That's what you'll find in *Oil Painting For Dummies*. Completely free of arty jargon, this full-color guide has all the hands-on instruction you need to master the basics. You'll see how to plan a painting, build an image in layers, mix colors, and create stunning compositions. You'll also find everything you need to know about oil paints, solvents, and pigments; brushes, palettes, and painting surfaces; and how to keep costs down at the art supply store. Discover how to:

- Choose the right supplies
- Set up your studio and care for your equipment
- Handle your materials safely
- Develop your design and composition skills
- Make practice sketches and studies
- Use broken stroke, dry brush, glazing, scraffito and other brush strokes
- Try out different compositions
- Mix any color you want
- Simplify tricky still-life subjects
- Paint landscapes and common objects
- Paint portraits and the human form

Complete with handy color chart, basic materials list, and a very useful viewing square, *Oil Painting For Dummies* is the fun and easy way to discover your inner artist!

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Packed with FULL COLOR, easy-to-complete projects The fun and easy way to discover your inner artist through oil painting! Have you always wanted to paint with oil? Now you can! This friendly guide gives you all the hands-on instruction you need to master the basics. You'll see how to plan a painting, build an image in layers, mix colors, and create the right composition. And you'll practice

your new skills by painting a variety of subjects, from portraits to still lifes to landscapes. Choose the right supplies. Develop your design and composition skills. Practice sketches and brush strokes. Set up your studio and care for your equipment. Work on a variety of compositions.

Anita Giddings and Sherry Stone Clifton are award-winning artist-educators who have made careers out of teaching beginning artists of all aspirations.

I live in Thailand, so not many good art classes in English here, so this book has helped me with all the basic stuff, setting up a studio, colour mixing, what to buy when first starting out. What not to buy. I hesitated to buy the book as I knew how to copy a painting, but could not get started on my own work. This book gives great practical info. so that you can "teach your self". Much easier than trying to watch tutorials on line, and far more fun than going to a bad art class with a mediocre teacher. Highly recommend !

It's okay. Since I currently paint with watercolor some of the information is redundant. It could be more concise with the basics.

Wife is one year from retirement and is dreaming of craft projects to come. She has read about half of it and says she is full of ideas and plans

The authors try to simplify the process of oil painting, and for the most part, succeed in doing so. They don't try to impress the reader with big words. When they use one, they explain it with smaller ones. They explain nearly every aspect of creating a painting. I borrowed this book from the public library and then bought my own copy. The older one, from the library, had a yellow page at the front of the book that was called a cheat-sheet. It contained a color wheel and a color chart. The copy that I purchased did not have the cheat-sheet. There is a color wheel midway through the book, but it is smaller than the other one. Try to find the older book, with the yellow page.

Very helpful, it has been a long time since I have painted and this helped me to get started again.

its ok, didnt realize it would have so much in it that other books I already have do.

This book should be everyone's first instructional text regarding oil painting! I can't think of another

"how to" book on the subject that is even close to offering as much, and in such an easy to understand manner. Granted, once you have "mastered" this issue, you will need to go deeper somewhere else. The only downside is the title and humiliating cover that everyone on the street recognizes (you don't want to walk in the front door of your local Museum of Modern Art with one of these beauties under your arm!) - if you are a beginner, amateur, or it has been a long time since you picked up a brush....buy it, you'll love it, it is probably exactly what you have been looking for.

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