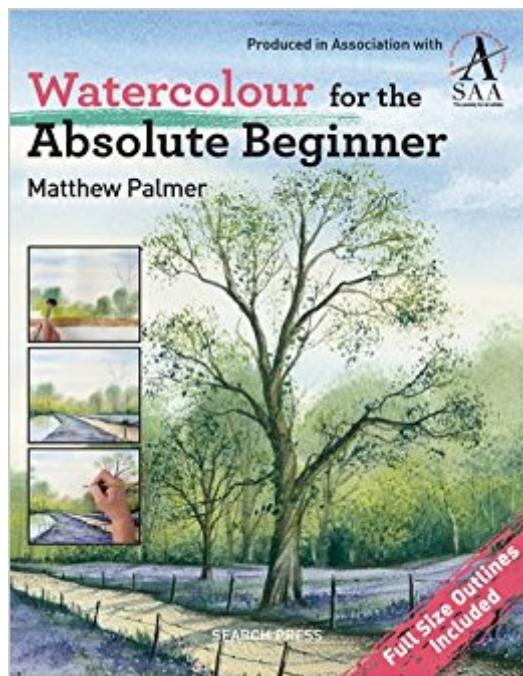


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# Watercolour For The Absolute Beginner



## Synopsis

This book is a comprehensive course in watercolour landscape painting by expert Society of All Artists tutor, Matthew Palmer. Matthew is renowned for his beautiful, detailed paintings and his ability to teach effective painting using simple techniques. He teaches over 150 pupils per week and also appears regularly on TV. The book begins with excellent advice for the beginner, including, easy drawing for painting, composition, easy perspective, light and shade, colour, and how to paint skies, tree, water and figures in watercolour. There are then six simple step by step painting exercises, and each exercise leads into a more developed step by step painting project, including a windmill, seascape, snow scene, mountains and lakes, bluebell stream and an all-rounder featuring a landscape with buildings and figures. The exercises are ideal for beginners and the main projects will also build skills for improving artists. A pull-out outline drawing is provided for every exercise and main project, and Matthew shows step by step how to transfer these onto watercolour paper. Like best-selling artist, Terry Harrison, Matthew has an accessible style, plenty of tips and tricks for beginners and his own range of brushes and colours to make things easier (though readers can use alternatives).

## Book Information

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"Sophisticated enough for intermediate or advanced artists while accessible enough for those with just a bit of experience drawing or painting, this volume will have wide appeal." [Library Journal](#)

Matthew Palmer is one of the Society of All Artist's most popular demonstrators, and his classes are particularly popular with beginners. He appears regularly on the Painting and Drawing Channel. He has been painting seriously for 20 years and specialises in landscapes, still life and animals. He has his own studio at his home in Langwith (Derbyshire) and teaches over 150 people per week at six watercolour classes. He also runs watercolour workshops & holidays. He has many personal exhibitions and participates in several art shows. Matthew's paintings are best noted for the amazing attention to detail and the wide range of subjects he covers.

Excellent book! I've purchased several technique books on landscapes and have always wound up with murky detail scapes instead. I saw this at a book store and finally made the decision to buy because of the 6 "projects" included in the book. These are towards the back half and include outlines PLUS pictured step by step breakdowns with about 30 steps each! I tried one of the more detailed exercises on trees tonight and was very pleased with the result compared to others I have done that wound up trashed! (See attached picture) Another thing I really appreciated was throughout the exercise it had instructions on brush sizes and paint %'s. Quite a few other books show you this in the beginning and then you are forced to go find how to make colors X, Y, and Z or look at pictures (sometimes not always on a step) for the brush types. All in all Mr. Palmer breaks down technique in a digestible form for beginners and I can't wait to learn more!

This is by far the best instructional water coloring book I own. Basic concepts of drawing are presented in a clear, step by step method. The chapters on selecting colors are easy to understand and the author provides illustrations of how to apply color choices to actual objects and various scenes, such as trees, houses by the sea, various landscapes, snow scenes, color suggestions for human figures, etc. I highly recommend this book for the beginning water color artist.

I'm just a beginner but these books are so helpful. Lots of nice examples and step by step instructions to make your first painting look, pretty good.

What contains more about perspective and painting in general than it does about watercolors specifically. Will still need another instruction guide

Very helpful, especially the enclosed tracing pieced. Makes watercolor painting less fearful.

I enjoyed this book and learned a few techniques that I will use now and then. Lots of great information.

Shipping was a little slow but could have been in the weather here. Other wise book looks great! It has lots of beginner lessons and detailed info in it. I look forward to learning from it.

Great book for beginners! Templates and step by step instructions as well as pictures of the finished product.

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