



DID YOU KNOW the amount of water you use creates different tints and shades?

## Working with water colours

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### Activity

#### WORKING WITH WATER COLOURS

Beatrix Potter drew just enough detail to give her drawings shape and texture. Then she used just the right tints to bring them alive. How well can you blend lines and color? Find out. Paint a water-color landscape. Try to create several tints from each color by changing the amount of water on your brush.

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Put on the apron, smock, or T-shirt to protect your clothes. Cover your workspace with newspaper.
2. Use a pencil to sketch a picture of a landscape. You could show a sunrise, a sunset, a storm, or any other kind of outdoor scene you can imagine.
3. Add just a little water to the paints to make deep colors. Add more water to create pale tints. Apply each color with a clean brush.
4. Use your brush to soften the lines between blocks of color on your drawing. Make each color seem to fade into the next.
5. Allow the paint to dry.

#### MATERIALS

- Apron, smock, or old T-shirt
- Newspaper
- Sponge
- Pencil
- Water-color paints
- Water
- Sheets of white drawing paper




Display your finished water color for everyone to admire!

#### Learning Playground

### Fun with Painting and Sculpture




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## Fun Facts:

- Beatrix Potter brightened the drawings of Peter Rabbit and his three sisters with delicate water colours.
- Beatrix Potter drew just enough detail to give her drawings shape and texture.