

“Make a Wish” Fairy

“Learn to Watercolor” Project

Instructions

This watercoloring lesson is one that is likely to appeal to the funny side of your brain. Following a step-by-step approach, you'll learn basic watercolor painting techniques as you paint your character. When you're finished with this project, sit back and giggle!

Step 1

Start by sketching the fairy. Once you have everything looking just right, trace the lines with a black fine point marker. If you would like to get right to painting, you can simply print this page onto watercolor paper.



Step 2

Paint the dress of the fairy with a pink wash. Wet the whole dress with clean water, and then fill your brush with pink watercolor paint. Brush a quick stroke of pink through both sleeves, and then a vertical stroke down the left side of the dress. Then pick up your paper and tilt it from side to side until the paint has found its way to the perfect spot.

Step 3

While the dress is drying, paint the socks, shoes, crown and star. With a somewhat dry brush, add a dot of red for each sock stripe, a quick dash of blue for the shoes, and yellow for the crown and star. Your brush strokes, as always, should be quick and spontaneous.

Step 4

Let's try the hair now. It's a mixture of yellow and yellow-orange. Fill your brush with yellow, and paint about 10 short brush strokes for the hair. Before the paint has a chance to dry, add a few dots of yellow-orange and let it mix with the yellow you just painted.

Step 5

Your fairy is almost finished. By now the dress should be completely dry. (If not, you might want to use your mom's hair dryer to move things along.) Paint the wings with clean water. Fill your brush with a hint of blue, and create a wash for each wing. Pick your paper up one more time and tilt it from side to side until the color is perfect.

Congratulations!

Your model

