

Sunflower

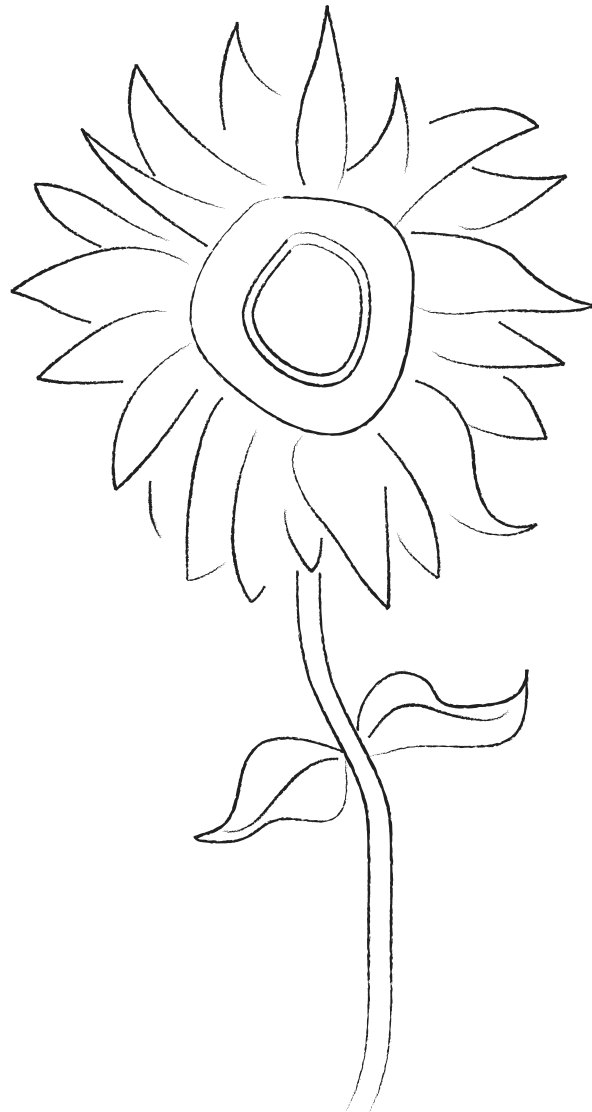
“Learn to Watercolor” Project

Instructions

This watercoloring lesson introduces the art of Dutch Post-Impressionist artist Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890). Following a step-by-step approach, you'll learn basic watercolor painting techniques as you paint an excerpt from his “Still Life: Vase with Twelve Sunflowers (1888).”

Step 1

Start by sketching the sunflower. Once you have everything looking just right, you can start to paint.



Step 2

Paint all three middle sections of the sunflower orange. Don't worry if you don't cover every speck of white space. The imperfections are what make watercolor paintings so interesting. Let the color dry completely. (You might want to use your mom's hair dryer to move things along.)

Step 3

Paint the narrow ring in the middle of the sunflower brown. Then add a few seeds by dotting the painting with the tip of your brush.

Step 4

Paint the petals of the sunflower a yellow/orange. Try to paint each petal with only two strokes of the brush. Your brush strokes, as always, should be quick and spontaneous.

Step 5

Your painting is almost finished. Paint the stem and the leaves with green watercolor paint. That's it!

Congratulations!

If your watercolor painting didn't turn out as well as you hoped, try painting it again. Every talent takes time to master. If you apply yourself, you will be great!

Your model

