

Paint Like Monet

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Let's paint in the style of French artist Claude Monet (1840 – 1926).

Monet was instrumental in the creation of the Impressionist movement where artists painted what they saw in life rather than the very stylised pictures which preceded them. Many of his paintings are very well known, including his water



lilies, haystacks and paintings of the Palace of Westminster to name but a few.

This vase of flowers is a still life painted by Monet.

We are going to paint a flower arrangement using some of his techniques, looking particularly at the background and the table which are painted using lots of individual brushstrokes, each of which can be seen separately. Monet also knew that yellow and blue are colours which would work very well together.

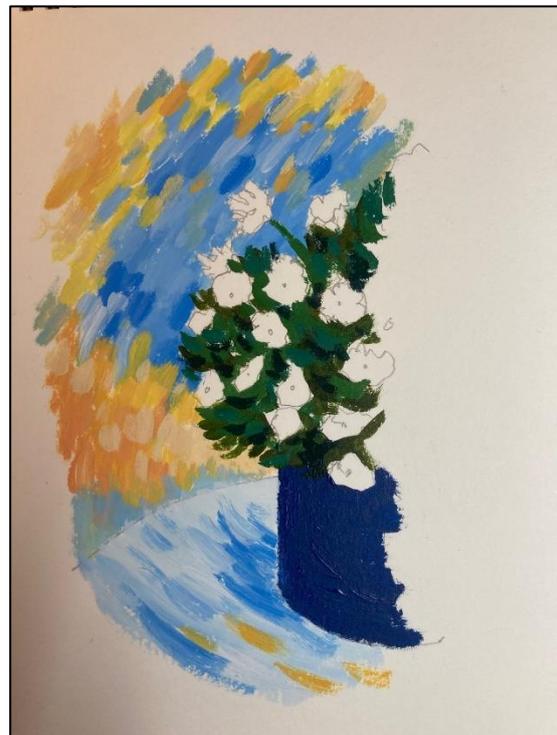
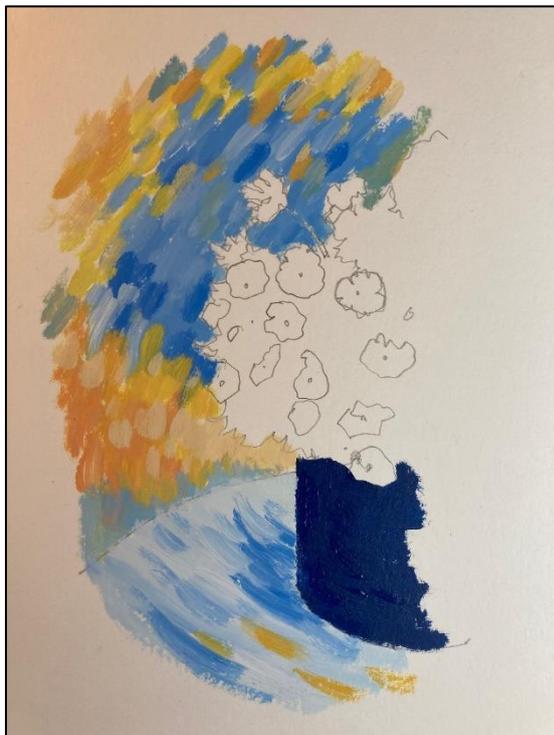
If you have some flowers at home you could paint these, or I've attached a picture of some daisies you could paint – or you could try a copy of the Monet original (or all three!).



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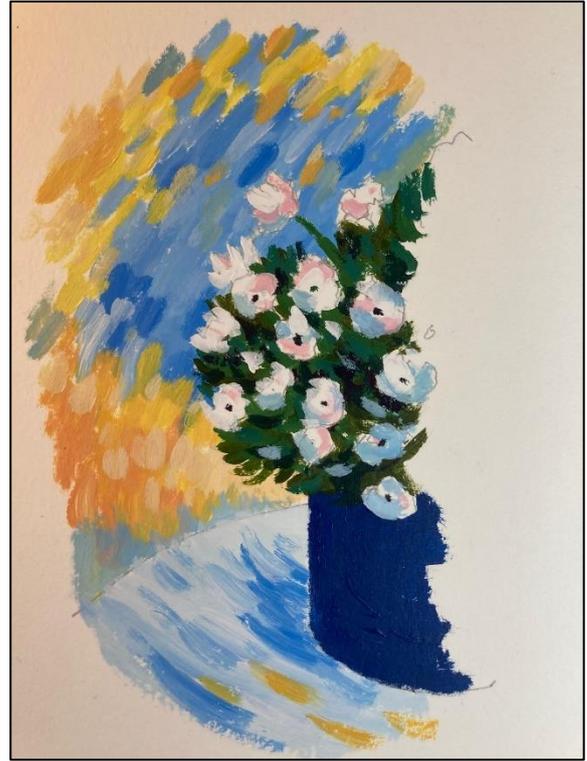


Draw the composition with a pencil. Make sure it fills the paper (I've just shown half the painting so you can see the technique). Paint the background in a mix of blues, yellows and oranges. Use large brushstrokes and don't be tempted to blend them. Seeing the brushstrokes in your finished painting will give it that 'impressionist' look.

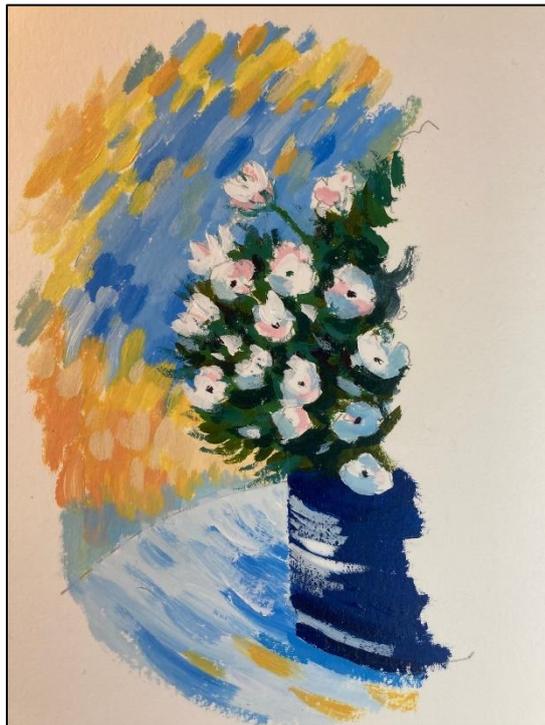


Paint the table using the same bold brushstrokes and paint the pot a dark blue colour. Use different greens to paint the leaves. Remember to keep your colours clear of each other.

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Look at the colour of the flowers you are painting. There will be some darker areas in shadow or some different colours. I've added some pinks and blues and then some white to create the flowers. I've then added a dark green dot for the centre of the flower.



Tidy up the flowers and add some highlights to the side of the pot. You can add a few wispy leaves at the end.