

Essentials of Realistic Pastel Painting

With Jon Watson



Learn the essentials of realistic pastel painting with artist Jon Watson.

In this course, you'll explore how to create lifelike textures such as skin, petals, leaves, fur, feathers, and more. Jon will guide you through using hard and soft pastels, focusing on clean layering, colour control, edges, and realistic detail.

Each session includes short demonstrations, guided practice, and personalised one-on-one feedback. You'll build confidence as you work through small texture studies and finish the course with a completed artwork of your choice—supported step-by-step by Jon's professional instruction.

Materials Required:

- A set of soft or hard pastels
- Pastel pencils (recommended for detailing)
- A3 or A4 pastel paper
- Backing board (if using loose sheets)
- Masking tape or clips
- Kneadable eraser
- Optional: fixative spray, apron, gloves