

# How to Paint Blue Orchids

Painting

Intermediate

For ages 12+



..Hello and welcome to another lesson.

Today we will be painting a quick watercolour study of some blue orchids.

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Lets get into it!



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What you will need:

MSB0065	Mont Marte Watercolour Pad A3
MPN0026	Mont Marte Drawing Set 8pce
PMHS0018	Mont Marte Watercolour Paint Set 24pce
MPB0055	Mont Marte Taklon Flat Wide 50mm Brush
MSB0090	Mont Marte Watercolour Traditional Mop #4
MAXX0019	Mont Marte Brush Washer Plastic

You may also need:

Water  
Tissue Paper



### Step 1. Drawing up the Arrangement

Print out the PDF or alternatively set up your arrangement of Blue Orchids on a table in front of your easel. Draw this image onto some Mont Marte 300 gsm watercolour paper with pencil. This project is a study so try to simplify the drawing. The concept is about keeping to the basics regarding the shapes and colours.

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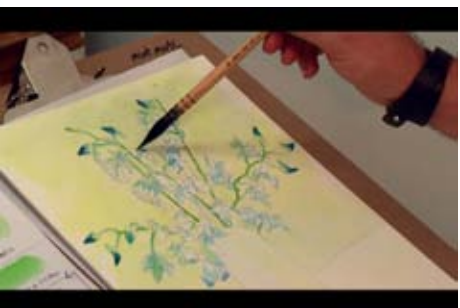
### Step 2. Painting the Background

Squeeze out some Permanent Yellow in to the palette, dip a 50 mm Taklon brush into some water and mix it with the yellow to the viscosity of milk. From the top, lay this colour into the background around the flowers. As you move down the page dip the brush into the water, as well as recharging the brush it will lighten the wash as well. Paint the table in this light wash but not the table cloth. Clean the brush.



### Step 3. Laying in the Greens

Create a watery mix of Permanent Green. With a traditional mop, apply this to the buds and stems, while this paint is still damp, add a little Sap Green to the mix and lay it into the stems.



### Step 4. Painting the flowers

Create a watery mix of Cobalt Blue and lay it into the buds and the ends of the petals. Now add a spot of Permanent Blue to the Cobalt mix and lay this darker blue on the tip of the petals. Next create a purple from an equal mix of Crimson and Ultramarine. This colour lies in the inside of each flower, so paint it into that area. Clean the brush.



Step 5. Painting the vase

Because the vase is cylindrical, darker shade will show on one side. Paint a wet mix of Ochre into the vase. While this is still wet, drop more pigment into the side in shadow.



Step 6. Painting the Table top

Create a purple from equal parts of Permanent Red and Ultra Marine and paint in the front plane of the table. Now add some water to the mix to lighten it and paint it over the top of the table, leaving the table cloth white.



Step 7. Adding shadows and finishing the table

Squeeze out a dollop of Lamp Black and add some water so it's a Mid Grey tone. Paint this into the front corner of the table cloth. Add a little more Lamp Black to the mix and paint in the shadow cast from the vase and arrangement. Finally add some Ultramarine to the palette and paint in the stripes on the table cloth, and voila!



Well we hope you enjoy your water colours and we hope that this lesson has at least inspired you to be creative.

*...until next time  
keep on painting*

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