

Painting Koi in Watercolors: Patti Magee

. We have a ball, lots of fun, lots of laughs – and everyone comes away from the class with their own painting! Some take their painting materials home with plans to continue painting on their own.

Well, we're going to do it again this year! The class will be about 2/3 hours. You will receive a watercolor board, a watercolor paint set, a palette, brushes, extra tubes (to share) and other tools as necessary. There will be handouts explaining the process.

I will draw a koi on your watercolor board and will apply frisket ahead of time so you won't have to waste precious time learning how to draw and can start painting and having fun right away.

Be prepared to have a *GREAT* time!

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In this class you will learn how to:

1. transfer drawing to watercolor paper with pencil (koi)
2. fill in areas (entire koi) with masking fluid and allow to dry
3. wet much, most or all of paper with large brush
4. select color or mix your own and start applying to wet paper, allow to run by itself – put color (s) on paper using Kleenex or paper towel points to soak up extra water and watch what the paint is doing – help it along by turning paper or blotting areas – play with it, make textures using fun tricks.
5. after the paper is dryer, still damp and has a sheen, you can sprinkle salt (lightly) or spray water (lightl) or put clean water on a brush and shake it. Play and watch what happens.
6. When the painting is completely dry (hairdryer will help) use your fingers or mask remover to carefully peel/rub the maskin fluid off the paper. Your koi will be ready to paint.
7. lightly sketch in your chosen pattern. At this time you can add some scales if you want, This can be very time-consuming and may take time to develop skills to do this.
8. Before starting to paint pattern colors mix up some “fish background” colors. I usually use a light blueish color with some brown,green whatever makes it sort of neutral. Sometimes just paynes grey will do.
9. paint shadowed or darker areas of fish (scale edges, sides, fin/tail lines with this neutral color, light wash.
10. when dry start painting color patterns (you might want to outline first in pencil if they aren't already there), eyes (outline eye in black fill in being sure to leave a white dot/shape)
11. after you have the colors sort of in the right areas – let the paint dry. Then glaze with another red or orange or whatever color you are working with and llet that dry. You can glaze several times/layers and it will produce a brighter or deeper color and add life to your fish.

