

DUNDAS VALLEY SCHOOL OF ART

Painting for the Petrified

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Course Description

If you're an absolute beginner artist, this course offers the encouraging hand-hold you've been looking for. Jump into a new creative world and discover what it is to feel good about the process of painting. You'll receive an introduction to the basics of watercolour and acrylic painting, along with enlightening discussions about drawing and composition. It's time to get your feet (and canvases) wet and take the first steps on your painterly and artistic journey. All materials provided – just show up and let it happen.

Week 1 •	An introduction to acrylics. Understanding a bit of colour Theory, mixing paints, the use of different types of brushes and techniques. A simple still life will be done.
Week 2 •	Breaking down a painting into its simplest beginning and building it up through layers. A couple of simple studies will lead to a more involved painting.
Week 3 •	Exploring abstract painting through composition, shapes and brush techniques.
Week 4 •	An introduction to watercolours. Understanding the techniques and papers that are specific to watercolours.
Week 5 •	Individual projects based on student interest (watercolour or acrylic)

Notes

This five week course is designed for the complete beginner. The first two classes are an introduction to using watercolours. The third and fourth classes are an introduction to using acrylics. The final class is devoted to each student working on an individual project in either watercolour or acrylic. Handouts are provided which cover general information and handy tips about watercolours and acrylics.