

## Color Match Painting

Choose a magazine picture. It should be of a real subject, colorful, and have something in all areas of the picture. It can be a smaller section of a larger picture. Cut it to an even measurement; no fractions.

Cut a piece of heavy paper so it is *close* to 18" x 24" and in proportion to your picture. For example, a 3" x 4" picture would need an 18" x 24" paper. A 4" x 5" picture would need a 16" x 20" paper. Any square picture, no matter what the size, will take an 18" x 18" paper.

Fold your picture into at least 16 sections (fourths both ways). It's even better to fold it into 32 sections (eighths both ways).

Draw grid lines on your paper: Measure halfway across and make a little mark. Measure half of that and make another mark. Measure half of *that* and make another mark. Mark the rest of the halfway points, and then do the same thing on the opposite side of the paper. Line up your ruler and draw a *light* line. Repeat this process for the other sides of the paper. You should now have *light* grid lines that match your fold lines.

*Very lightly* draw out the shapes of your picture. Don't shade anything or use dark pencil lines, since this would show through the paint.

To find the right color for an area, decide what is the main color and start with that. Decide what colors you need to mix in to get a match. You will probably need to add a little bit of the complementary color to dull down the color. You may need to add white to lighten it up, or another color to change it. For example, for water, you might start with white and blue, then add a bit of orange, and then maybe green or violet.

**ALWAYS TEST YOUR COLOR FIRST! PAINT A BIT OFF THE EDGE OF A SCRAP OF PAPER AND HOLD IT RIGHT UP TO YOUR PICTURE TO SEE IF IT MATCHES!**

Paint from light to dark: add small amounts of dark colors to light colors in your palette when you're mixing colors. It only takes a little bit of a dark color to change a light color. Also, paint your lighter colors down first, then your medium colors, and then your darkest colors. Dark colors will cover lighter colors, but light colors won't show up on dark colors.

### Criteria:

The drawing is accurate: proportions and details are correct.

The colors in your painting match the colors in the picture. You *must* turn in the picture. Painting shows blending and textured painting techniques.

Painting is applied neatly and carefully.

