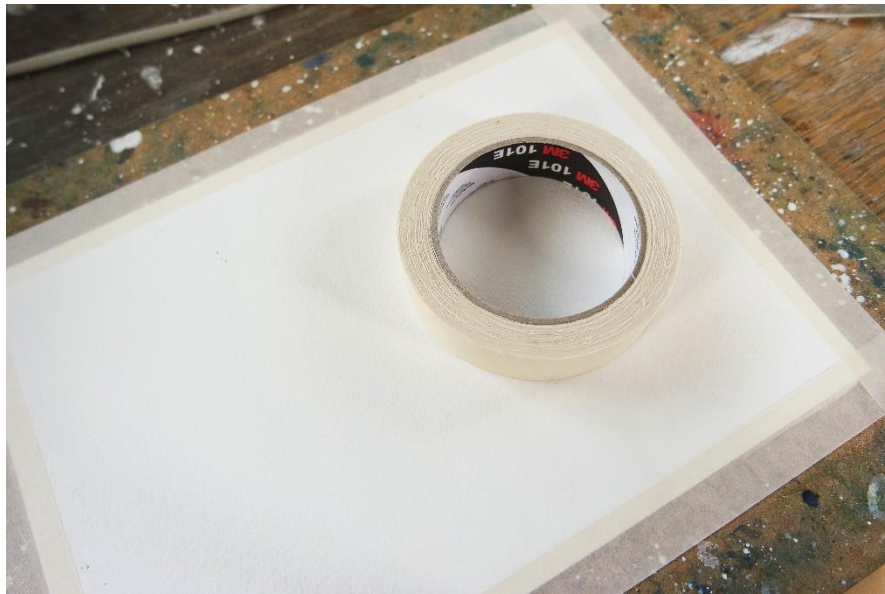


Hi my name is Rachel and I am an artist, I use watercolour paint to make my paintings, so if you want to paint some pictures like mine, watercolour paints are what you need. That is any paint that is soluble in water. The better-quality paints you can get then the better the colours, but any paint will do really. I also use watercolour paper but use any paper you have. Try to get the thickest and strongest paper you can.

You will also need some a board or thick cardboard, masking tape, some salt, some cling film, a spray bottle, thin cardboard, some clean pots to put water in, and some brushes of different sizes.

Painting a tree

1. First tape your paper to the board using masking tape



2. Now use a brush to tap water onto the paper where you imagine the leaves to go.
This is a cherry blossom tree so I am imagining where the blossom will go



3. Hold the brush horizontally and just tap, tap, tap.



4. I have put some nice pink paint on my brush and am tapping the dots onto the paper where I tapped the water to begin with.



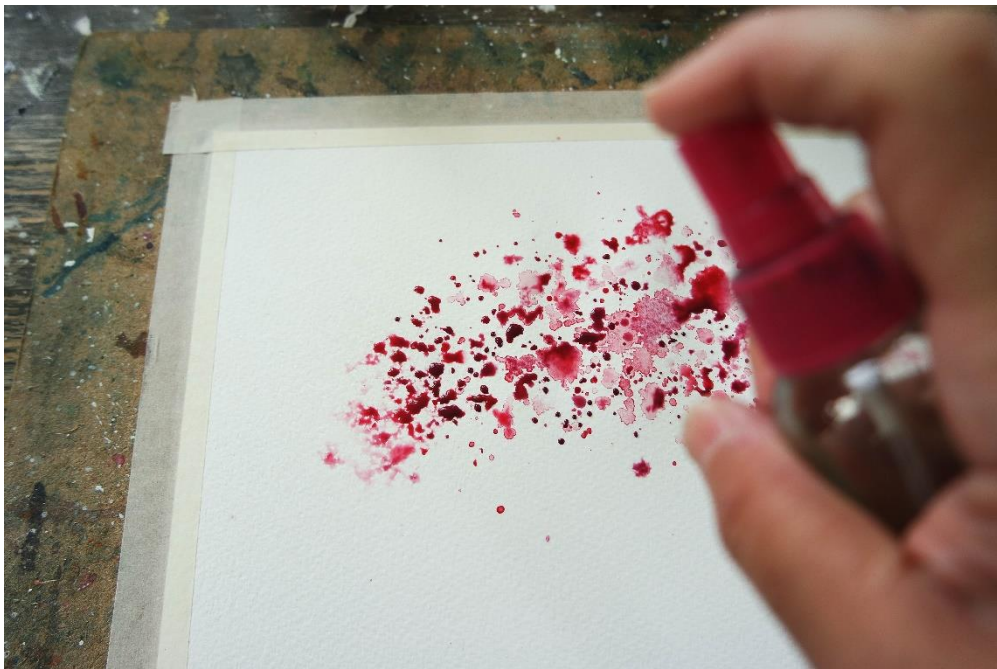
5. Now leave this bit to dry, if it is a nice sunny day it will dry quickly outside.



6. Once it is dry you can tap, tap, tap more pink onto your tree



7. If you think the blobs are too dark or you want them to spread out more you can spray them with a spray bottle and clean water.



8. Then they dissolve a bit.



8. Then once that was dry I tap, tap, tapped some more spots onto my tree, I made the bottom of the leaves darker (but don't worry if you don't). There is no such thing as a wrong tree!

9. Now leave it to dry again and add as many or as few blobs as you like, sometimes I like to add different colours too.



10. Now leave to dry before you paint in the trunk.

11. First paint a line of water, where you want the tree to grow from.



12. Then I use a smaller brush and some yellow to paint the trunk, try if you can not to paint the trunk in a straight line as most trees have wiggly trunks.



Can you see that the water at the bottom means the tree has something to grow out of, instead of floating in mid-air.

13. Now while the trunk is still wet paint a darker side in brown



This makes the trunk look rounder....



Now you have your tree!

you can try this painting many times. You can make it an autumn tree with reds and yellows, or a summer tree with yellows and greens. Or even a wacky tree in rainbow colours. A tall tree, a fat tree or a thin tree, have fun and create your own forest!