

INTRODUCTION TO DRAWING AND PAINTING - USING ACRYLIC PAINT

Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Site	Total Fees
Introduction to Drawing and Painting - Using Acrylic Paints	22/04/2026	01/07/2026	LOUGHBOROUGH LIBRARY	135.00

01. Who is this course for?

This is a course designed for those with no experience in drawing and painting but who are interested in having a go independently, painting with acrylic paint and learning from trying new things.

02. What will I learn?

You will develop drawing and painting skills using acrylic paints. You will use imagery and ideas from life and the natural world as subject matter and inspiration. You will develop an awareness of some of the basic properties of acrylic paint and will explore different ways of applying it. You will look at basic colour theory, and simple tools and equipment to paint with and surfaces to paint on. You will experience different ways of beginning a painting. You will learn to create without fear and will practice techniques to build confidence. You will look at the work of other artists.

03. How will I learn?

Your tutor will use practical demonstrations and presentations to guide you through the course content. You will practise skills both independently and with support. Images and other reference materials will be used to support your learning. You will receive regular verbal feedback on your progress each week and a chance to learn from other learners in your class also. An Individual Learning Plan (ILP) will record in writing the learning objectives of your course and allow you, and your tutor, to evaluate your progress and set personal learning goals too.

04. What will I need to bring?

You will need to bring a pencil, a soft eraser, pencil sharpener or craft knife, a drawing board, acrylic paints and brushes, acrylic or watercolour paper. You will also need a pen to complete your ILP. There may be other resources you become interested in as the course progresses which can be talked about. More information will be given in class. Each class is 2 hours long. Bring a drink and snack if you need to.

05. What skills or experience do I need?

You do not need any experience of drawing or painting, but you will need to be happy to have a go and to make mistakes to learn from them, and to work independently.

06. How will I be assessed?

The Learning for Wellbeing curriculum uses formative and summative assessment methods to evaluate learner progress. You will work towards completing learning targets set in class, as well as your own personal

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07. What could I do after this course?

You may wish to further develop your skills in drawing and painting by enrolling on the Drawing and Painting for Intermediate Learners – Using Acrylic Paint. There are a variety of other creative courses also so why not try something else from the Learning for Wellbeing curriculum. There is a wide range of art, craft, sewing, cookery, dance and creative arts courses for you to continue developing. Courses are available to search on the GoLearn website.

08. How will I be supported in my learning?

We aim to support all learners to succeed. When you enrol on your course you will be asked if you have any learning difficulties and/or disabilities which may affect your learning. This might include physical disabilities, neurodivergent needs (e.g., Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, dyslexia, or dyspraxia, etc.), visual and auditory impairments, or a medical condition which might affect your learning. Your tutor will contact you prior to joining the course to discuss what support can be put in place. For some learners this may mean organising extra time in exams or arranging for a Learning Support Assistant to support your learning in class. We also offer a wide range of assistive technology such as reader pens, screen readers, large print keyboards and screens, alongside in-class resources such as coloured overlays, large-print resources and more.

09. Is help available with course fees?

Many of our courses are FREE to all learners. For fee-paying courses, if you are in receipt of state benefits or have a low income (£27,976.16 before deductions) you could be entitled to enrol on your course for FREE, or at a 70% reduced fee cost. If your course is accredited (working towards a formal qualification) your course may be FREE if you earn under £25,750 before deductions. Some exclusions apply, eligibility for fee reduction is subject to change, and you may be required to provide evidence of earnings. If the amount you must pay for your course is over £50, we offer instalment plans which break down the cost of learning into a set number of easy monthly payments. If you need help with the wider costs of study, such as childcare, resources, travel, and transport costs, you may be eligible to have these costs reimbursed through our Discretionary Learner Support Fund. Visit us online for more details, and to download the online application form.

10. How do I choose the right course for me?

If you are unsure of your next steps, please contact us and one of our team will advise you about our courses or signpost you to other providers if necessary. Please call FREEphone 0800 988 0308 or email adult.learning@leics.gov.uk