

INTRODUCTION TO DRAWING AND PAINTING - MIXED MEDIA

Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Site	Total Fees
Introduction to Drawing and Painting - Mixed Media	16/09/2026	09/12/2026	MELTON LIBRARY	167.60

01. Who is this course for?

This course is for people interested in developing skills and exploring how to combine watercolours with drawing media. You will learn creative approaches to colour mixing and you will be given a helpful insight into using light, shade and composition. Alongside this you will work from photographic imagery and real-life subjects on a range of themes.

02. What will I learn?

You will learn to experiment with different materials and use a range of techniques. You will explore how to apply different washes and when to work wet into wet. This will be followed by advice on how to lift areas of wash and develop detail, by combining watercolours with other media. You may also study: building a sketchbook with seasonal themes from nature, observational drawing, colour mixing, composing a landscape painting and fun ways to experiment with unconventional tools and effects. As your confidence builds, you will also work from your own photos and real-life observations

03. How will I learn?

This is a tutor-led, beginner level art class. Learners will receive regular verbal and written feedback on their progress. The course tutor will be on hand at every stage to provide support with one-to-one tuition, demonstrations, and handouts. Your Individual Learning Plan (ILP) sets out both your personal and learning aims and the overall learning objectives of your course to allow you, and your tutor, to evaluate your progress and set learning goals. Please avoid taking holidays during your course.

04. What will I need to bring?

You should bring along some drawing pencils, a set of watercolours and a few soft watercolour brushes to begin with, plus a sketchbook of watercolour paper. As your skills progress, you may wish to acquire more equipment as recommended by your tutor; such as watercolour inks. Your tutor will discuss art materials with you in the first session.

05. What skills or experience do I need?

This course is designed for a beginner to progress gradually, gaining new challenge and enjoyment in watercolour painting each week. You will need to have an interest and commitment to learn.

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

development targets. Targets are reviewed at the middle and end of the course. Informal discussions and critiques with the tutor and learners will take place throughout the course, both individually and in groups.

07. What could I do after this course?

Upon completing this course, you may wish to join Drawing and Painting - Mixed Media – Intermediate, will allow you to progress to combining watercolour with contemporary mixed media effects such as collage. There are a range of courses to support your wellbeing, 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 your skills while improving your wellbeing.

08. How will I be supported in my learning?

We aim to support all learners to succeed. Our tutors will work with all learners to meet individual needs by using a range of resources and teaching methods. When you enrol on your course you will be asked if you have any additional learning needs 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 (£28,733.50 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 £26,800 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