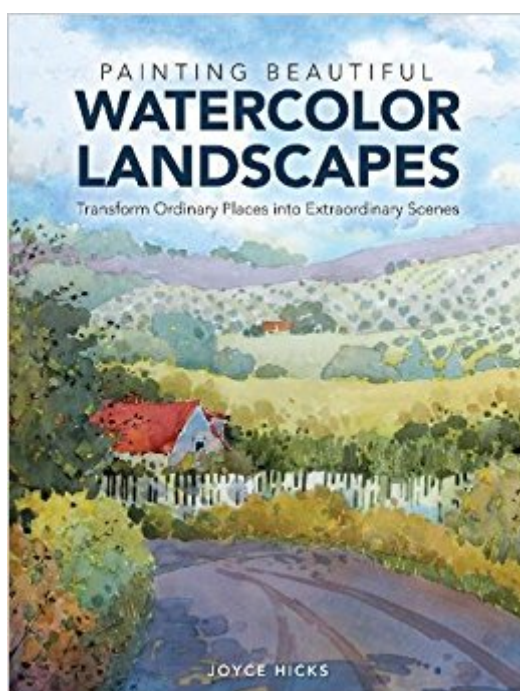


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# Painting Beautiful Watercolor Landscapes: Transform Ordinary Places Into Extraordinary Scenes



## Synopsis

Learn the Art of Seeing and tap into the beauty of the everyday! The scenes around you don't have to be perfect to inspire beautiful watercolor paintings. In *Painting Beautiful Watercolor Landscapes*, Joyce Hicks shows you how to transform ordinary landscapes into gorgeous, lush works of art. First you'll learn to look differently at the world around you by slowing down and seeing beauty in the every day to find settings you can't wait to paint. Then, by learning to understand design elements and principles, use color and make the most of artistic license, you'll gain the confidence you need to create light-filled watercolor landscapes. Finally, Joyce shows you how to add fine details to make the painting distinctly yours. With *Painting Beautiful Watercolor Landscapes*, you will: Discover your inspiration in a scene by training yourself to see it differently and creating a workable simplified composition. Practice techniques like glazing, color mixing, developing an inviting composition and more. Complete 12 step-by-step projects to create your signature watercolor style. Begin to paint from the sacred place within...with *Painting Beautiful Watercolor Landscapes*.

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## Customer Reviews

I liked the paintings by Ms. Hicks and decided to purchase the book - it's probably the first watercolor book I've actually read all the way through. She talks about developing one's own style, and I am slightly amused because her style is definitely developed! I'm a newbie to W/C but even I recognize that she uses certain colors in each of her pictures that are not necessarily the norm! Definitely more mixing of blues and reds than I've run into! But the end result is so pretty, and she

guides the reader step by step on how to put together a landscape for yourself - choosing what to eliminate to make a better picture, and making what could have been a "boring" landscape into an appealing picture. I definitely want to work through the exercises and tutorials throughout this book. I'll probably be stretching my sketching ability, but that's a good thing.

Unlike many watercolor instruction books, this one has effective explanations in its demos. Followed closely, one can achieve the signature Joyce Hicks look--but with hard work! I like how the author instructs readers to repeat the demo as often as needed to achieve success. It is a realistic teaching but one rarely given.

It's the Nitty Gritty.....No fuss,no muss..... Simple, Complete,Honest.....Fast, accurate, an actually complete recipe for success. Joyce's guidance begins with the "What's," and the "Whys," how to determine what Your's are....and then the "How To". step by step. She includes photos of her works with step by step instruction as to how she obtained her results. She includes color choices, atypically complete illustrations of her color mixing....but most of all a unique approach to encouragement.....Joyce leaves nothing out of the recipe including the why's of what she painted in each piece. Everyone tells you how great this book is. I have owned over 100 instruction books from some of the most respected watercolorists in the world.....To my mind this is about the best book that has ever been written for the any level of watercolorist..... It's the direct "Whole Enchilada," from this down to earth, straight forward, self taught Texas, AWS artist.....and then some.

Never have I been inspired to write a review of any purchase until this book. And I have never purchased a book unseen, or not reviewed, let alone purchase two books together. But my friend and I love her work so much that I couldn't resist. This book has exceeded both of our expectations! It is so inspiring! Among so many lessons, she teaches us to "see" our own vision and how to make it a reality. I cannot recommended this book highly enough. This is by far my favorite watercolor book! Thank you, Joyce, for sharing your journey into watercolor in a way that allows us to discover our own journey.

The artist's use of colors is absolutely lovely. Her watercolors are vibrant, bright and eye-catching. She teaches some of her techniques regarding that in this book along with information on perspective and design. Her instructions are clear to understand. Most of the landscapes in this

book are of semi-developed places. There is usually a house or two in a beautiful, plant filled background. This really is a delightful book for both learning watercolor techniques on painting landscapes as well as for just admiring the artist's paintings.

I've finished the first read of this very instructional book & will return many times as I want to paint along with some of the exercises. If you are new to watercolor, put this at the top of your list and for others who have a large painting library, make room for one more. You won't be disappointed.

I fell in love with Joyce Hicks paintings after seeing some of her tutorials on utube. I went searching for an instructional book and found it here on . So what did I do? I ordered the Kindle edition by mistake!!! However, after viewing it on my Ipad... I'm very happy with my mistake. The book is easy to flip through and easy to carry as well. I don't feel I've lost anything by not having the hardcover edition. It turns out to be a very happy accident just as do often happens when using watercolors.

GREAT watercolor instruction book. This artist paints beautifully and gives a wonderful overview of the nature of this medium. Her paintings are beautiful. If you are a beginner you may find it difficult to get a good result. At an intermediate level or more it is well worth the money if you are interested in landscapes and seascapes.

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