



Paint flowers like Emil Nolde

Hello, my name's Olaf Falafel. I'm a dad, a stand-up comedian and the author and illustrator of the *Trixie Pickle Art Avenger* books. Every month I show you how to create art based on the works of famous artists. Plus, I tell you a really bad joke, like this one: What did the fish say when it swam into a wall? Dam!

As spring is blossoming outside at the moment, I thought it would be good to have a look at an artist who made some blooming fantastic flower paintings.

Emil Nolde was a German painter and printmaker and he was one of the first Expressionists. Expressionist art uses bright colours and exaggerated shapes to try to show how the artist feels. One method Nolde used to create his flower paintings was to add brush-loads of watery, vibrant (brightly coloured) paint to wet paper.

Follow these steps to make your own. Experiment with colours and vary the amount of water you add to your paint to create different effects.



What you need

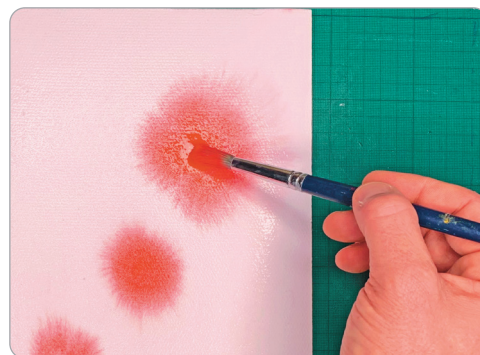
- Paintbrushes
- Water
- A sheet of thick white paper (ideally watercolour paper)
- Paint



1 Gather all your equipment together. Paints, paintbrushes, paper and water.



2 Start by brushing water onto the paper until it is completely soaked.



3 Splodge wet brushstrokes of paint around the paper to create flower shapes.



4 Use different colours and add darker colours in the centres of your flowers.



5 Use green paint and a smaller brush to add in details like leaves and stems.



6 Leave your masterpiece to dry and stand back to admire your creation.

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