



Strathmore 2020 ONLINE  
WORKSHOP SERIES

# CREATIVE WATERCOLORING

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## LESSON 1: HOME Wall Art

In video 1 we will use watercolor to write the word "home" in painted leaf and stem shapes.



### SUPPLIES:



Strathmore 400 Series  
Watercolor Block or pad  
9 x 12", cold press, 140lb / 300 gsm



Daler-Rowney Aquafine  
Watercolor Pan Set  
24 colors



Princeton Velvetouch brush  
round, size 4



Pencil and eraser



## 6 Basic Leaf Painting Techniques:

Using a combination of these painted leaves in various sizes and configurations, we will fill in the outline of an image. In this case, we will fill in the word "HOME".



## Lettering:

Here are two different styles of lettering. You can choose any lettering style or word that you'd like, just make sure to set the text to outline so you can easily trace it onto your watercolor paper.

### LETTERING EXAMPLE 1



LETTERING EXAMPLE 2

HO

ME

## STEPS:



1. Print out lettering of your choice on regular printer paper. Flip the page over and use the flat side of a pencil to cover the backside of the lettering with lead.

2. Once the backside is covered in graphite, flip the page over again and tape it to your watercolor paper. Now use the sharp side of your pencil to carefully trace the outline of your letters.



3. Use the outline as a guide for painting the 6 basic leaf shapes inside the lettering.



4. Continue to fill in the lettering using a variety of the leaf shapes we discussed and practiced at the beginning of the video.



5. Allow the paint to dry fully before erasing the pencil markings.



6. Remove from the watercolor block and your piece is done!