

Draw Paint Letter: The Artist~Naturalist's Year

Supply List and Basic Policies

How does it work?

Val Webb's art tutorials, tips and techniques will be delivered to your inbox on beautifully illustrated printable pages every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Fridays, you will also receive a link to a full-length video lesson. **All video content will remain permanently online, available for you to practice and review whenever you like.**

Draw Paint Letter will run for a full year. New students may join the class at anytime during the year and will have lifetime access to all material sent out, from their personal start date going forward. The cost is \$30 per month and is billed monthly through PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account to make the payment using a credit or debit card.

To stop receiving tutorials and video lessons, simply email Val and your enrollment will end at the close of your current 30-day period.

What subjects will we draw and paint?

Val is best known for drawing the garden and the natural world, and much of our focus will be in those places. Drawing (pencil, charcoal, pen and ink, colored pencil) and painting (watercolor) subjects will include seasonal changes in wild animals and their habitats, birds of all kinds including shorebirds and birds of prey, butterflies and moths, marine life, frogs and turtles, botanical drawing techniques, wildflowers, heirloom vegetable varieties, tropical flowers, historic and medicinal plants, herbs, trees, natural landscapes, creeks and rivers, open water, skies and much more. Our subjects will reflect the changing seasons. Many of our projects will combine drawing, painting and lettering in the tradition of nature journals and field sketches. Others will stand alone.

What drawing techniques will be covered?

Drawing techniques will include traditional pen and ink, “splash and splatter” techniques for dramatic effects, ink-and-wash and ink-and-brush, realistic pencil drawing, field drawing and sketching from life, charcoal drawing, making and using toned paper, colored pencil drawing and color blending.

And what about painting and lettering techniques?

Painting lessons will explore traditional watercolor, “fast and loose” floral watercolor, pen-and-ink with watercolor, watercolor with colored pencil, reverse painting in watercolor, ink resist painting and more. Lettering projects will feature a wide range of hand lettering styles in pencil, ink, and watercolor.

Who can take this class? Do I need to be able to draw?

Draw Paint Letter is open to all. Class material is appropriate for anyone, at any level of art experience. No experience is required, and Val teaches in a spirit of warmth and gentle encouragement. Our students range from “never tried to draw before in my life” to seasoned professional polishing their skills in a specific subject area. Don’t let a lack of drawing experience keep you away!

What art supplies do I need?

Here is a list of supplies Val will use in the lessons. If you already have different supplies and want to use them instead – or you live where Val’s supplies are hard to find – feel free to substitute whenever you like. That’s fine! Just be sure to avoid generic or “store brand” supplies and those labeled “student” quality. Very poor quality can make your supplies difficult to use.

DRAW PAINT LETTER Supply List (all available at dickblick.com):

- Any sketchbook at least 8X10 inches in size*
- Strathmore 140lb cold pressed watercolor pad, 9x14 inches or Arches cold pressed 140lb watercolor paper*

- *No. 4 round synthetic brush (Val uses a \$3.99 Golden Taklon from Royal & Langnickel)*
- *No. 4 drawing pencil*
- *Kneaded eraser*
- *Waterproof black ink pen size 05 or 03 (Pigma Micron or Pitt recommended)*
- *Small set of watercolors, either dry in plastic case or in tubes*

Is there anything else to buy?

In a couple of months, as our year rolls on, we will eventually add a few more supplies:

- *Black charcoal pencil*
- *Small bottle of black waterproof India ink*
- *Small tube of white gouache (opaque watercolor)*
- *Small set of colored pencil (I like Prismacolor)*

That's it. You are ready for anything now.

How do I get instructor help?

Just scan or photograph your image and email it to Val anytime, as often as you like. I normally respond the same day, Monday through Friday.

Questions, comments and happy thoughts are welcome. Send to:

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