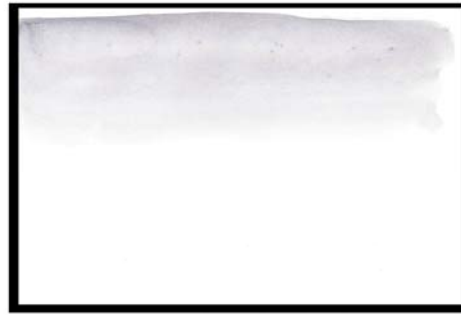


Painting Watercolor Landscapes Sumi-e Style

I made up the lesson from looking at landscapes of Chinese watercolor paintings. It is a good idea to look at the work of others for inspiration and practice ideas. When you are comfortable, create work from your own experience and imagination. You are unique. You are an original.



1) Mix a little water with a touch of black paint. Make a wide, wet stroke across paper. Do not let paint dry before next step.



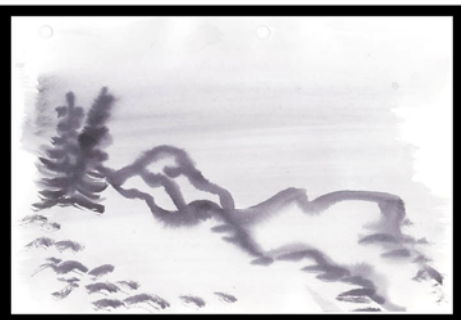
2) Create a wash. Take brush with water, stroke across paper pulling down a little of the color from the previous stroke.



3) Continue using brush with water until the whole paper is lightly colored. This is technically known as a wash.



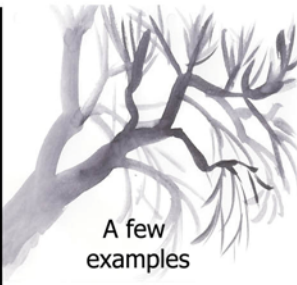
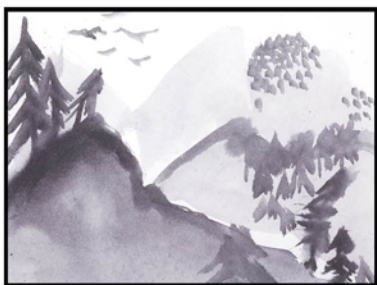
4) Add paint to your brush again & make a few lines to suggest mountains or land. (If you do not want blur, let paper dry 1st.)



5) Now add a few simple trees and rocks and things.



6) Add some simple suggestion of people, animals and/or buildings.



A few examples



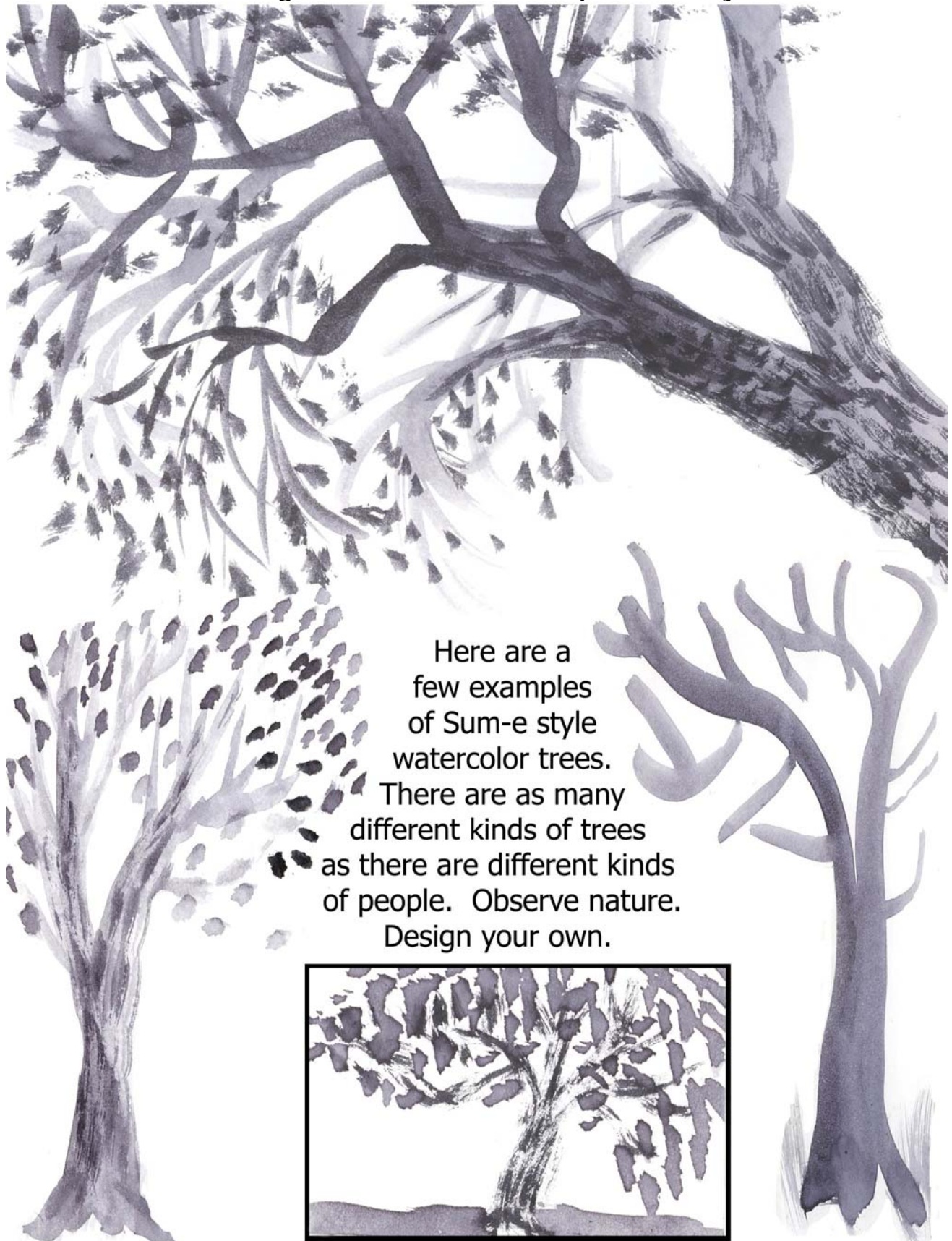
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Painting Watercolor – Tree Examples Sumi Style



Here are a few examples of Sum-e style watercolor trees.

There are as many different kinds of trees as there are different kinds of people. Observe nature. Design your own.

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An Assortment of Watercolor Landscape Examples



The above colored watercolor landscape is more traditional. The others are Aisian style.