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About BHM

Our mission is to support artists on their journey of self-expression, driven by our core values of respect, bravery in the face of difficulty, and excellence in all areas of service. Black Horse Media are here to help artists reach their full creative potential and share their voice with the world.

What is good to know when choosing the canvas?

- Not every canvas is suitable for each paints
- Canvas varies also in waterproof and holding the paint
- Consider the type of painting you are going to use and what kind of style.



Cotton

Cotton is a soft, fluffy fibre that grows in a boll or protective capsule around the seeds of cotton plants. The advantage of cotton is that it is affordable and stretches very easily. A properly prepared cotton canvas will last a long time and is the most popular surface for oil and acrylic painting, although it is considered too flexible for very large paintings. It is classified according to its weight and surface texture. It is possible to stretch cotton tighter than linen without straining the wooden support around the canvas.

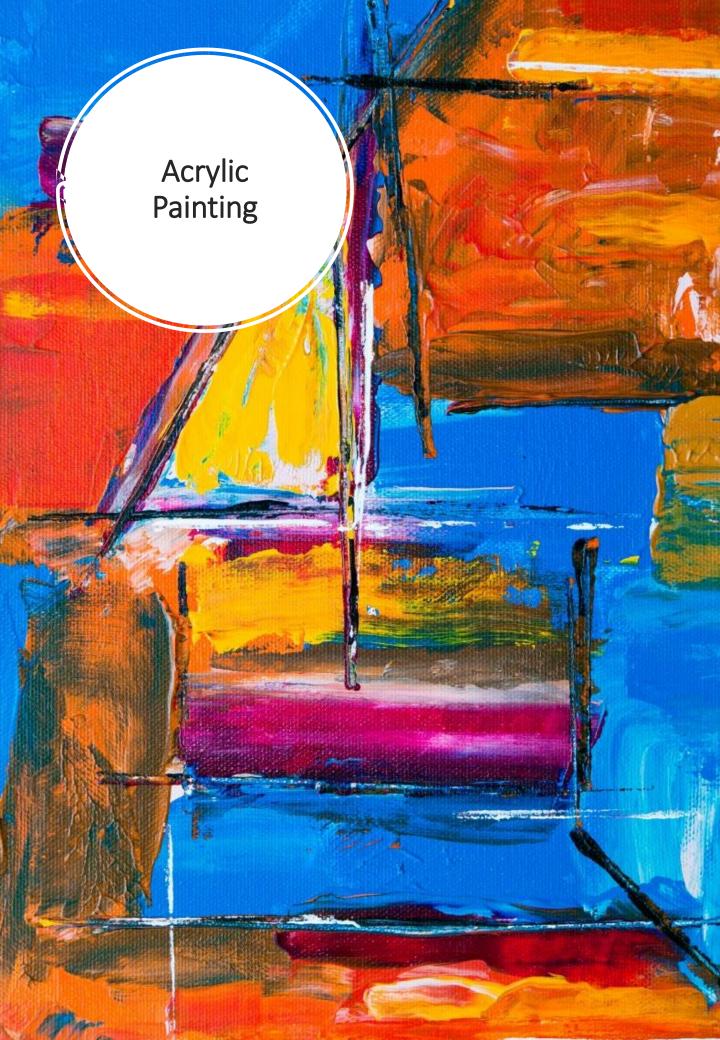


LINEN

Linen is made from the fibres of the flax plant and top-quality flax is harvested mainly in Western Europe. The threads that make up linen are less prone to expansion or contraction due to moisture. Linen retains its natural oils, which helps to preserve the fibre's flexibility and stops the canvas from becoming brittle. It is also regarded as having a more "natural" weaved finish than cotton.

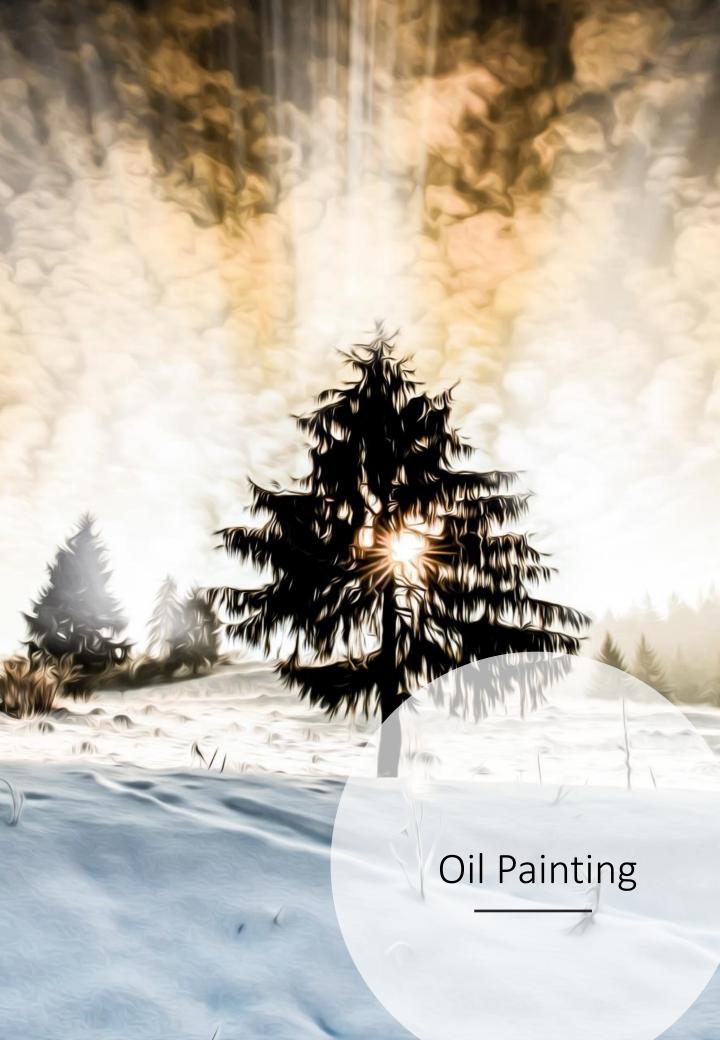
Canvas Size

Standard Canvas Size		
Centimetres (approx.)		
12.5 x 12.5	50 x 50	100 x 50
15 x 15	60 x 25	100 x 70
17.5 x 12.5	60 x 30	100 x 75
20 x 20	60 x 45	100 x 100
25 x 20	60 x 50	110 x 60
25 x 25	60 x 60	120 x 30
30 x 25	75 x 30	120 x 60
30 x 30	75 x 50	120 x 75
35 x 25	75 x 60	120 x 90
35 x 35	75 x 75	120 x 120
40 x 30	90 x 30	125 x 100
40 x 40	90 x 45	150 x 40
45 x 15	90 x 60	150 x 75
45 x 35	90 x 75	150 x 100
45 x 45	90 x 90	150 x 120
50 x 20	100 x 30	180 x 60
50 x 40	100 x 40	180 x 90



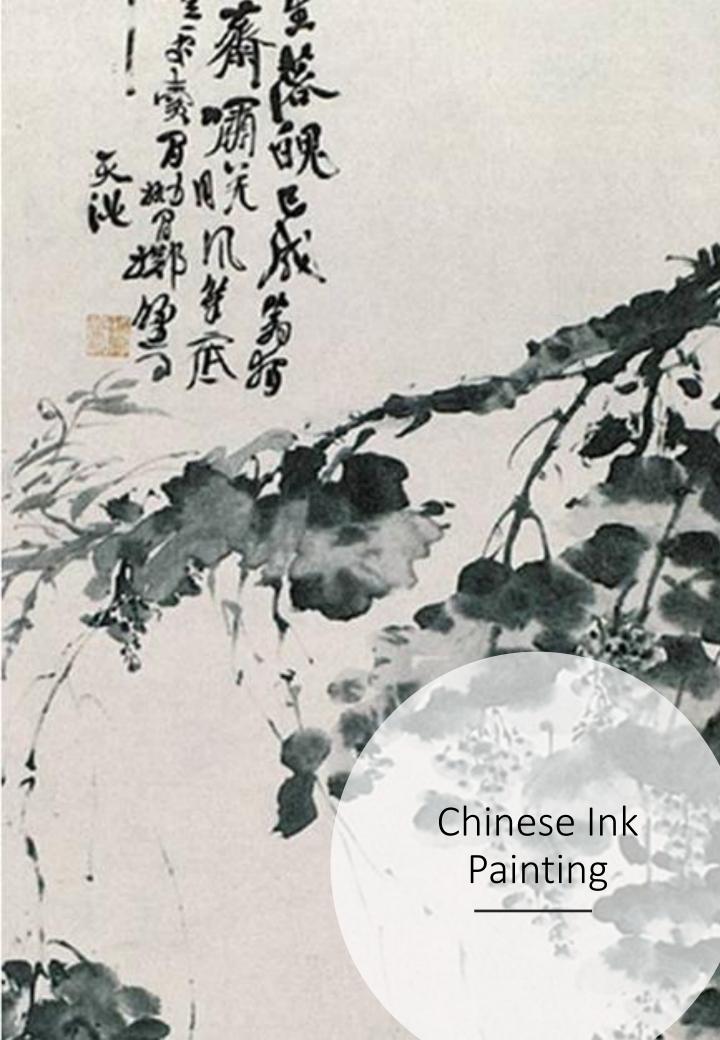


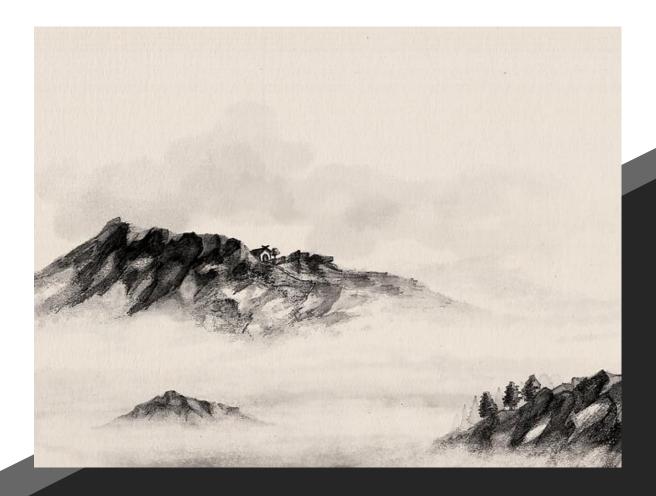
Acrylic is made of **pigment suspended in a polymer emulsion**. This gives the paint much different properties
than oil-based paint or watercolor. Acrylic paint is better for
people who want their paint to **dry faster**. Where oil paint
can take a very long time to dry, acrylic paint can be dry
within hours. It's also **resistant to water** more than
watercolor or oil paint, meaning that it's less likely to get
damaged by moisture in the short term. The main downside
to acrylic paint is that it's much less versatile when it comes
to mixing and combining colors that the other options.



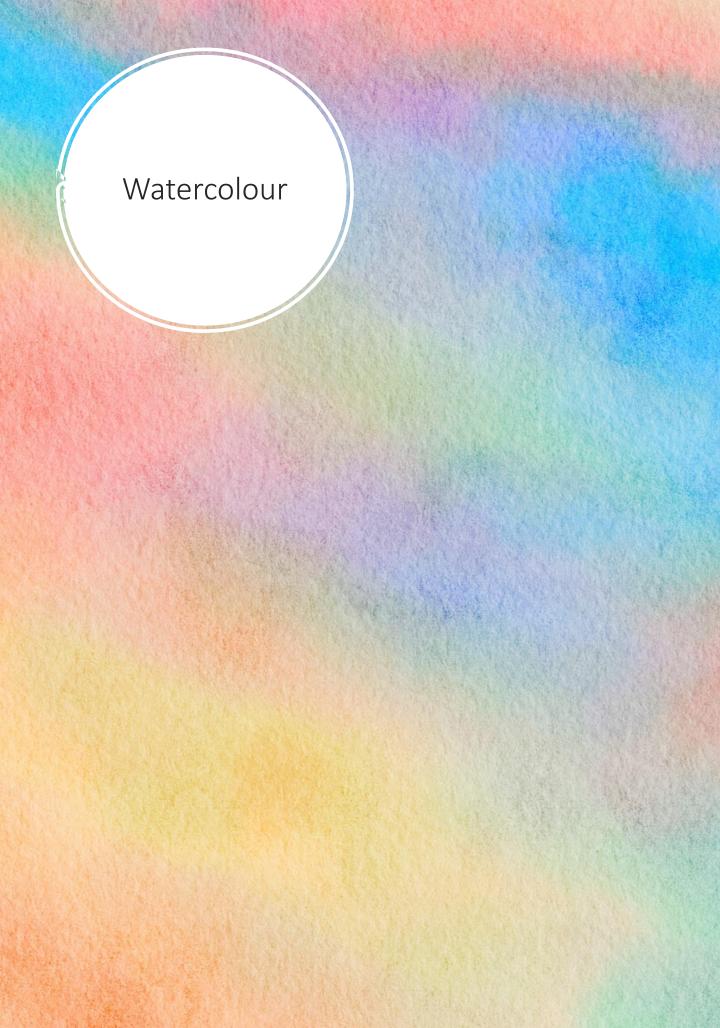


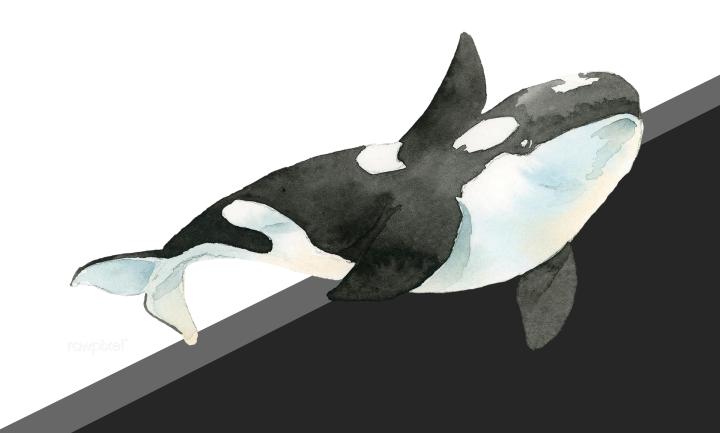
Many famous paintings today were painted using oilbased paints. The Mona Lisa is just one famous example of many. Oil paints work by **suspending pigment particles in an oil base**. Because of its makeup, it's a great choice if you're thinking about *bright, vibrant colors* or creating a picture with depth. They're also much easier to mix than acrylic paints and mixing them often results in a much wider palette of colors. The biggest downside to oil-based paints is **that they take longer to dry** than acrylic or watercolor paints, taking days or even weeks to fully dry.





Ink wash painting or the ink wash technic is a type of brush painting that uses black ink — as used in calligraphy — in different concentrations. This special drawing technic is created using a brush, dipped into ground ink, then submerged in water before being painted onto a canvas of paper, silk or traditional Chinese rice paper. Because of that the focused and monotone nature of the paintings are created composed of just black and white. Ink wash paintings or shui-mo paintings often feature trees, flowers, landscapes, animals, birds and people.





It's created by **pigment suspended in water**. Watercolor paint can **dry fast**, but it's incredibly delicate when it comes to standing up to even a single drop of water. Because of this, watercolor paints are the **least resistant** option among the paints. That being said, it can be used to create unique images unlike anything else created by oil or acrylic, images that often have a quality all their own.

Looking for other drawing method?



Pencil Stretching

Charcoal Drawing



Landscape



Mandy Boyd
Falling in to the Deep **Suitable for** Corridor



Mandy Boyd
Serenity
Suitable for Lounge/ Study
room



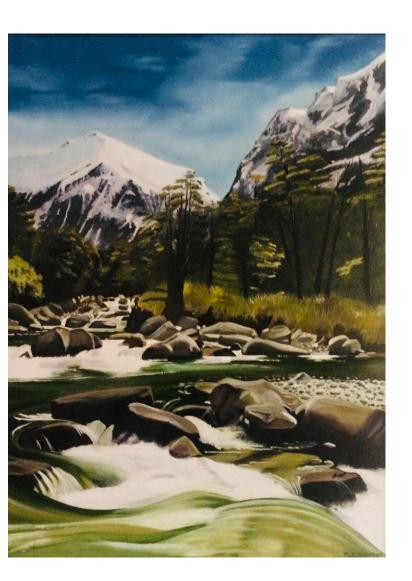
Colette O'Kane Sh' boom **Suitable for** Corridor/ School



Colette O'Kane Na Hinemoana **Suitable for** Office/ Main Hall



Michael J Osborne
Milford Sound
Suitable for Louge/ Study
room



Michael J Osborne
Upper Hermitage West Coast
River
Suitable for Louge/ Study
room

Beach & Seascape



Jenney Caldwell
Empty Beaches
Suitable for Lounge/ Office/ Study
room



Kim Mehlhopt
Oil on Canvas
Suitable for Corridor/ Lounge



Tom S. Hageman
View on the Isle Gomera
Suitable for Louge/ Office/Study
room

Calligraphy



Kathy Li
"Jing" – Calm
Suitable for Restaurant/ lounge

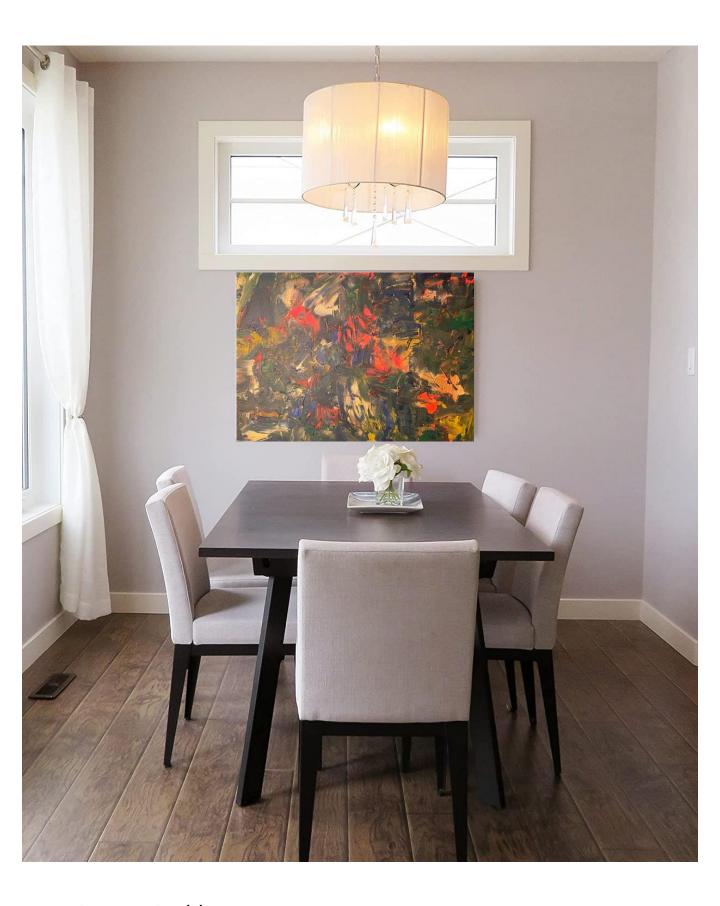
Abstract



Rustem Ibatullin
Weightlessness **Suitable for** Corridor



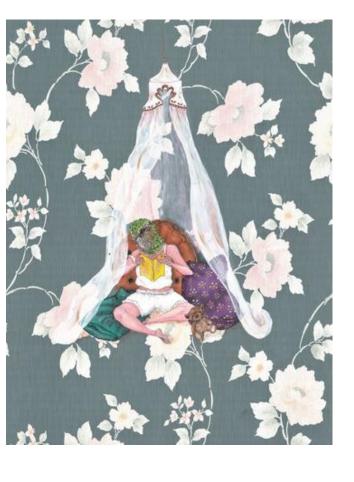
Damon Puddy
Flight Patterns
Suitable for Lounge/ Dining
room



Damon Puddy
Fruit Salad Rainbow
Suitable for Corridor/ Lounge/ Dining Room



Frankie Bakker
Unwind Collection – Clouded
Dreams
Suitable for Corridor



Frankie Bakker
Unwind Collection – Cushion Net
Suitable for Study room



Frankie Bakker
Life Collection – Chick
Suitable for Corridor

Animal



Kathy Li
Black Horse
Suitable for Restaurant/
Lounge



Acrylic on Canvas **Suitable for** Corridor/Lounge

Portraiture



Shankar Desai Artech **Suitable for** Corridor

Still Life



Jenny Caldwell
Friday is Calm
Suitable for Bedroom/ Corridor/ Lounge/ Dining
room

Aircraft



Michael J Osborne
De Havilland 82 Tiger Moth 43
"Landing at home"
Suitable for Office/ Corridor



Michael J Osborne
RNZAF Lockheed C-130
Hercules - "Airborne and
Ready"
Suitable for Office/ Lounge



Steven Heyen
The late shift
Suitable for Corridor/ Lounge



Rustem Ibatullin
Atmospheric
Suitable for Corridor/ Office



Steven Heyen
Late in the day
Suitable for Corridor/ Lounge



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