

Painting Clouds

The pages that follow are a great demonstration of how to paint clouds. The artist is actually painting in acrylics however everything transfers to Oils. After the sky color was painted most other techniques for painting clouds that I have observed were starting with a light blue and this painter starts with a gray medium value and paints the white on top. For me this is more intuitively how I would approach this subject matter. Not shown in the pictures is that he used his finger for smudging. Gloves are highly recommended when painting. Just a reminder. :)

The canvas size was 12"x12" (I feel it is helpful for you to see the scale)

Depending of course of the mood of your painting as to what color you paint the sky but, usually I prefer for a bright sunny day sky I would use Cerulean for the majority of it with Ultramarine towards the top where it darkens.

Below are the colors the artist used for this demonstration:

Ultramarine Blue, cyan, Yellow Ochre, and Vermilion.

Brushes:

Flat chungking or hog hair bristles: 12, 10, 8, 6

Flat synthetic nylon bristles: 8, 6, 4, 2, 0

2: synthetic background brush









































