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Tropical fish ACRYLIC

What you need

- Talens Art Creation acrylic colours set
- Talens Art Creation stretched canvas 24 x 30 cm
- Talens Art Creation brushes for acrylic colours (flat brushes for larger parts, smaller brushes for details)
- Pencil or charcoal
- Kneadable eraser to fade any lines or to rub them out completely
- Jars of water for thinning the paint and cleaning the brushes during and after painting
- Tear-off palette
- If necessary use a hairdryer to speed up the drying process

Tips

- With acrylic colours do not paint too thickly but thin the paint with water on your palette. Try it on a scrap piece of paper first. Thin layers look good and dry more quickly.
- Some colours are opaque, others aren't. This will allow you to continue to see the colours when you paint over layers that have already dried. For example, white and black are opaque. Ultramarine, however, is not. When you paint ultramarine over a dried layer of orange you will continue to see the orange through the ultramarine. This will create beautiful effects. If you do not want this, the colour will first have to be made opaque by mixing it with an opaque colour such as titanium white
- Before you start, go through all the stages.



STEP 1:

Lightly draw the fish with charcoal or pencil. Leave out any details; these will be dealt with in steps 3 and 4.



STEP 2:

Paint the fish in different colours. In order to get orange, mix primary yellow and naphthol red medium. For purple, mix primary magenta with primary cyan. In order to get yellowish green, mix primary yellow with permanent green dark. Paint the coral using green, blue and orange/red. Paint the sea using blue/green (primary cyan with titanium white and a little green).



STEP 3:

Paint the fish again as this will make the paint more opaque. Paint in the details of the fish. Create air bubbles using light blue and/or light yellow (primary cyan with titanium white and primary yellow with white). Paint around the air bubbles a second layer of a darker blue/green (add a little bit more ultramarine/green) and light blue/green (add a little more white); the dark along the edges, the lighter colour in the middle. Paint loosely, along the curves.



STEP 4:

Paint the eyes, using black, light blue and light green. Give the eyes a patch of light. Paint in the details of the fish. Accentuate the fish using black lines. Make the coral look livelier with various colours of green/blue and orange/yellow/brown. Paint the sea at the bottom right lighter. Use light yellow paint mixed with white for this and thinned with water.