



Tulips

WATER COLOUR

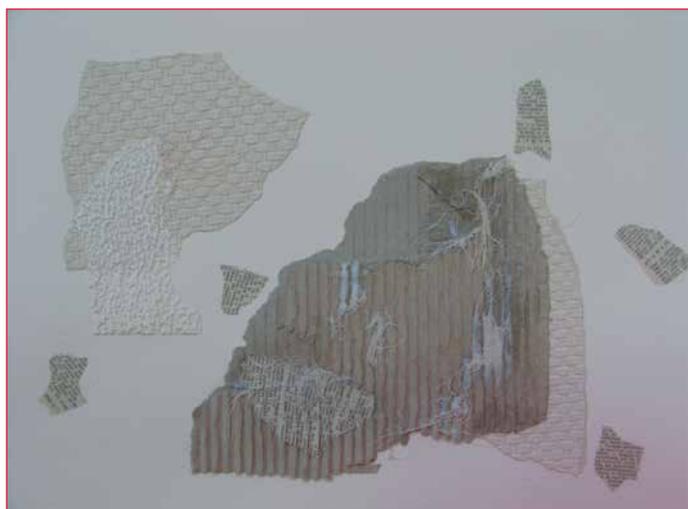
With good water colour paper, some Gesso, Gel Medium and various materials you will be able to paint in water colours in a different way.

What you need

- Sheet of water colour paper (300 gram)
- Talens Art Creation water colours, various colours
- Talens Art Creation water colour brushes
- Spalter (flat brush for applying Gel medium), for example of Van Gogh
- Amsterdam Gel Medium mat or glossy
- Fine-tip pen (not indelible)
- Various types of carton, paper, threads, newspaper, Gesso

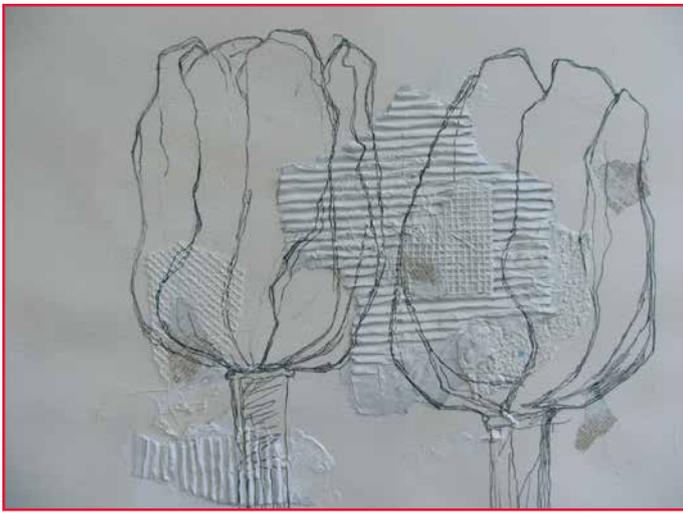
Tips

- Use a sturdy piece of quality water colour paper. Do not economise in this! Good water colour paper allows for so much more; the paint flows better, it is possible to work on it for longer and should it fail, you can always use the other side. There are many qualities and textures of water colour paper. In this step-by-step plan we use a sturdy, high-quality, 300-gram paper. The advantage of the thicker paper is that it does not need to be mounted.
- With Gel Medium you can stick on this paper all sorts of materials that you would not usually paint. If they are stuck on well and accurately these will not come off, not even when you paint with the water colours. Examples of such materials include corrugated cardboard, all sorts of paper (wallpaper, newspaper, rice paper and music paper) and threads. The colour of the corrugated cardboard can later be changed to white with Gesso. All those materials do not necessarily have to be painted; you can also allow the original colours to add to the effect.
- The drawing of the tulips has been made with a non-waterproof fine-tip pen. When you paint over the lines with water or water colours, the ink runs and mixes with the paint. The more lines that are put next or close to one another, the more expressive the painting. Another line will only add to the picture.
- Before you start, go through all the stages.



STEP 1:

Use Gel Medium and the spalter to glue the paper, carton, threads and the like onto the water colour paper.



STEP 2:

Make the corrugated cardboard white with Gesso, using the spalter. Draw the tulips with the fine-tip pen. Draw many lines as they liven up the work.



STEP 3:

Paint the tulips with various shades of red and violet.



STEP 4:

Paint the sky with cobalt blue and brilliant blue. Use more red in the tulips for greater saturation.



STEP 5:

Finally, make the background more intense by using more blue.