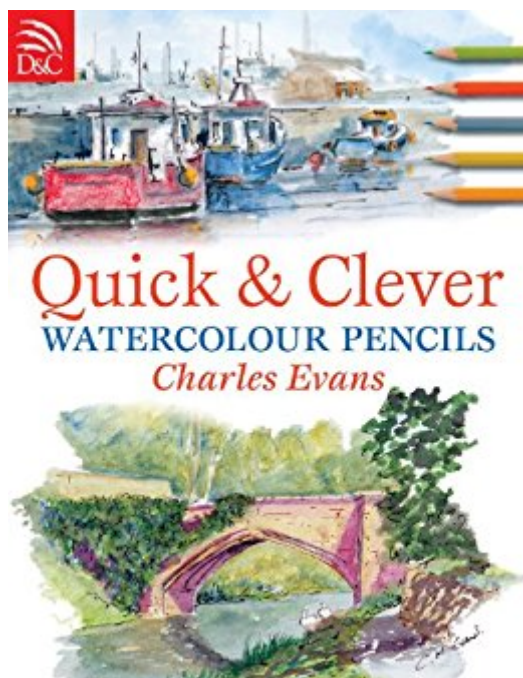


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Quick & Clever Watercolor Pencils



Synopsis

Charles Evans shows you how to get the very best results from watercolor pencils in next to no time! Watercolor pencils are versatile, fun and easy-to-use no matter where you are. In *Quick & Clever Watercolor Pencils*, Charles leads you through the entire process of learning how to use these invaluable tools effectively, revealing his ingenious tips and tricks along the way. Packed with information on tools, materials and techniques. Varied projects for outdoors and indoors, ranging from simple landscapes to more complex compositions, and from pets to buildings. Inspirational pages from Charles' own sketchbooks that clearly demonstrate the immediacy of this medium.

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Customer Reviews

Nothing quite fills me with ire much more than putting down some money for an art instruction book, and then I find out that it's a dud. Such was the case with British author Charles Evans' book, *Quick & Clever Watercolor Pencils*. I had spotted it in a catalog offering from an art book publisher, and decided, why not? I've been experimenting with the use of watercolour pencils for more than a decade now, and it's a medium that I like and enjoy. I enjoy using it because it's a very portable means of sketching -- all I really need a pad of paper that will handle getting wet, a bundle of pencils and brushes, and something to put fresh water in. A paper cup is good for that. As with most art

books, this one follows the standard format -- an introduction by the artist, chapters on tools and techniques, materials, and the various ways to use the pencils and brushes to create washes, details, mixing colours and suchlike. The majority of the book is taken up by the projects that progress from fairly easy to progressively harder. Finally, there is an index. Each project has some new technique to offer. The earliest paintings are not much more than scribbling with a wash or damp brush run over it. Sometimes a waterproof marker is added to create some definition or a seabird trundling about. Now for the complaints about this book. Rarely does Evans let you see the work as a whole while it is in process. Instead, he just makes a close up on the pencil or brush or fingertip smudging away, and it makes it very difficult to get an idea of just where you're at in the painting. Too, there's a real lack of information in the chapters -- he blithely assumes that you already know what he's doing and how he got there without telling just how he did it.

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