

# Course Information Sheet

## Acrylics Beginners Part 2



Dive into the vibrant world of acrylics! Learn essential techniques and unleash your creativity in a fun and supportive environment.

### Course Description:

Have you ever been captivated by the bold colours and versatility of acrylic paints? This comprehensive course is split into two courses of 9 weeks, Acrylics Beginners, equips you with the skills and confidence to explore your artistic potential. No prior experience necessary! Delve into the fundamentals of acrylic painting, from mastering brushwork and colour mixing to creating textures and unique effects. Learn composition techniques and discover the joy of expressing yourself through acrylics. Through engaging demonstrations, guided exercises, and personalised feedback, you'll gain the knowledge and skills to paint a variety of subjects, from landscapes and abstracts to portraits and still life. Join us and embark on a creative journey with acrylics!

### What will I learn?

- **Weeks 1-4:** Acrylics Basics - Discover the properties of acrylic paints and brushes, explore colour theory and mixing techniques, learn basic brushwork strokes and acrylic's unique drying properties.
- **Weeks 5-9:** Building Confidence & Skills - Develop foundational skills through guided exercises focusing on washes, textures, blending techniques, and creating different acrylic effects.
- **Weeks 10-12:** Exploring Colour & Composition - Experiment with advanced colour mixing techniques, explore layering and glazing, and discover the expressive potential of acrylics. Learn composition techniques like rule of thirds and focal point.
- **Weeks 13-16:** Exploring Techniques & Subjects - Learn techniques like impasto (thick paint application) and acrylic pouring. Develop skills for painting landscapes, abstracts, portraits (optional), and still life.

- **Weeks 17-18:** Putting it All Together & Beyond - Create a final project that showcases your learned skills and artistic vision. Explore resources for continuous learning and artistic inspiration.

### **How will I be assessed?**

- **Formative:** Weekly exercises, practice assignments, and peer feedback sessions will allow you to experiment, receive constructive criticism, and refine your techniques.
- **Summative:** A final project where you create an acrylic painting of your choice, demonstrating your understanding of acrylics, composition, and personal artistic expression.

### **Who is this course for?**

This course is open to anyone with a desire to learn acrylic painting, regardless of prior experience.

### **Who is your target audience?**

This course is designed for learners hoping to develop their acrylic painting skills from scratch. It caters to those who want to explore the basic techniques and materials of acrylic painting, experiment with colour, composition, and various acrylic effects, and gain the confidence to create their own acrylic artwork.

### **Progression Opportunities:**

After completing this course, you can delve deeper into specific acrylic techniques or subjects that interest you (e.g., abstract expressionism, acrylic pouring, acrylic illustration). Consider pursuing further studies in art and design programs offered by universities across the UK.

### **Career or Job Enhancement Pathways:**

This course can be a stepping stone towards various creative careers, such as:

- Artist (selling original artwork)
- Illustrator
- Graphic Designer (acrylic elements)
- Art Therapist

**How do I enrol?**

If you are paying the full fee, the quickest way to enrol is online at [www.onsourcesouthwest.co.uk](http://www.onsourcesouthwest.co.uk), simply create an account and select enrol now. Alternatively, you will need to speak to one of our customer service team on 01752 660713.

**How will the course be delivered?**

This is a practical course, and the sessions will include tutor-led demonstrations, learner-led group activities, instruction and repetition. These will form part of the delivery together with one-to-one support as required.

**Will I need to practise outside the classroom?**

You will be encouraged to review your notes between lessons to ensure maximum benefit from your course. It is always useful to practise your skills between sessions. Your tutor may encourage home learning, or independent research.

**How will I know I'm making progress?**

During the first session, your tutor will discuss your goals and current level in relation to the course. Based on this assessment, you will agree individual targets which you will record in your individual learning plan (ILP). You and your tutor will review your targets regularly to ensure that you are making progress; these will be written in your individual learning plan.

**What will I need?**

Please bring a notepad, and pen to each session. You may wish to bring a file for any handouts. A laptop with internet access is required for completion of coursework and home learning outside of the classroom.

**Please note:**

Most courses attract a subsidy from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is a requirement of the ESFA that you complete various forms at different stages of your course, further information is available on request. Courses are subject to a minimum number of enrolments and could be cancelled if recruitment is low. In some cases, an alternative class at a different location may be offered.

Terms and conditions are available at

<https://www.onsourcesouthwest.co.uk/learner-information/essential-information-for-every-learner>

Room numbers are subject to change - please check when you arrive at the venue.

