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What is Brush Techniques

Master Brush Techniques for Amazing Paintings!

DEFINITION

> Brush techniques are different ways to use a paintbrush to create textures and effects. They help artists express their creativity and improve their painting skills.

KEY CONCEPTS

Stippling

This technique involves using the tip of the brush to create small dots of color.

Dry Brushing

A method where a dry brush is used to apply a small amount of paint for a textured effect.

Washing

This technique uses a wet brush to spread a thin layer of paint evenly over a surface.

Sgraffito

A technique where layers of paint are scratched away to reveal the color underneath.

Flicking

Quickly flicking the brush to create splatters or fine lines for dynamic effects.

EXAMPLES

→ Use stippling to create a starry sky.

→ Try dry brushing to add texture to tree bark.

→ Apply a wash for a smooth background.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'SDS' for Stippling, Dry brushing, and Sgraffito.

★ Think of 'WDF' for Washing, Dry brushing, and Flicking.

★ Visualize a tree for texture techniques: bark (dry brushing), leaves (stippling).

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Using too much paint for dry brushing.

✗ Not cleaning the brush between techniques.

✗ Overlapping techniques without allowing layers to dry.

QUICK RECAP

Brush techniques are essential for creating different effects in painting. Key methods include stippling, dry brushing, washing, sgraffito, and flicking. Practice these techniques to enhance your artistic skills.