

Autumnal Masterpieces: The Art of the Season

Capture the crisp, golden magic of autumn on your canvas!

- Warm colours, such as crimson, burnt orange, and golden yellow, are often used to evoke the feeling of a cosy, cooling autumn day.
- Texture can be created in art by layering paint, using sponges, or incorporating natural materials like dried leaves and twigs into a collage.
- Contrast is essential for a striking composition; try placing a bright yellow leaf against a dark, moody background to make the colours pop.
- Observation is the artist's best tool. Look closely at the veins of a leaf to see the intricate, repeating patterns found in nature.
- When mixing paints, adding a small amount of complementary blue or violet to your oranges can create a more sophisticated, muted autumn tone.

Did you know? Did you know? The vibrant colours of autumn leaves are actually present in the leaf all summer long! They are hidden by the green chlorophyll that plants use to make food from sunlight. As the days grow shorter, the chlorophyll fades, finally revealing the brilliant oranges, yellows, and deep reds underneath.

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