

## Basic Watercolor Techniques

**Dark to Light-** Pick one color. Try adding more and more water to your paintbrush as you paint each box. Watch what happens to the intensity of the color.

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**Dry Brush/Wet Brush-** Pick one color. Dry off your paintbrush and paint the first box. Next dip your brush in water and paint the second box. What differences do you notice between the two boxes?

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**Mixing Colors-** Paint each of the boxes below with a primary color.

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Using only the primary colors, color each of the boxes with a secondary color

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**Creating the Illusion of Texture-** Make a drawing with crayon in the first box and paint over it with watercolor. In the second box, paint the box with one color and then add a couple drops of water on top. In the third box, paint the box one color and then sprinkle salt on top of the paint. In the fourth box, paint the box one color and then blot up some of the paint with a tissue. Notice the differences between boxes. What do these textures remind you of?

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