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Inky panda

You can use a brush and ink to do simple paintings of animals. Using watery and strong shades of two colours can give a striking effect. Use a soft brush with a pointed tip for this type of picture.



1. Mix watery black ink. Paint the panda's head and body, using a smooth, flowing line. Leave it to dry.

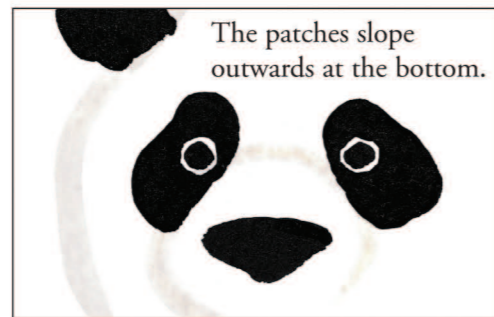


Make the paws shaggy around the edges.

2. Use undiluted black ink to paint the ears. Paint a stripe over the chest, then add the arms and legs. Let them dry.

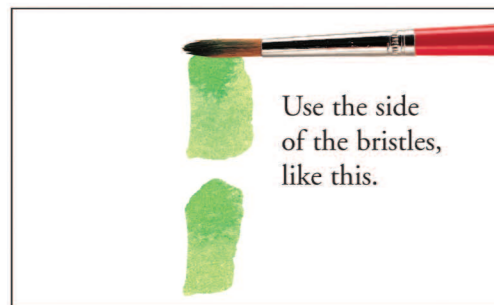


3. Use undiluted black ink on the very tip of your brush to paint little, round eyes and a nose. Leave them to dry.



4. Paint the panda's eye patches in undiluted black ink. Leave a little white circle around each eye.

Bamboo



1. Mix watery green ink and paint a section of bamboo stem. Paint sections above it, leaving gaps between them.



2. Use one brush stroke for each leaf. Press lightly with the tip of the brush, then press harder, and then lightly again.

The joints on the stems were painted in undiluted ink when the stems were dry.



The grass was painted in the same way as the leaves.