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DRAWN TO PERFECTION

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- 1 Paint Pens are great for watercolour effects, use a waterbrush to dilute the paint pen on the paper into large swathes of colour.
- 2 Blend colours together to create a larger spectrum of colours, use a damp brush or waterbrush to blend the paint together for a smooth and seamless blend.
- 3 Use Paint Pens on porous surfaces for permanent designs such as pottery, ceramics or wood.
- 4 For spray effects depress the nib allowing a little extra paint (ink) to collect and blow across the nib onto the surface to create a cool spray paint effect, the closer you get the denser the spray, the further away the lighter the spray.
- 5 Spatter effects can be created by tapping the Paint Pens on your other hand or against an object such as a ruler held over the paper. These form random, larger drops.
- 6 Depress the nib and allow the paint (ink) to collect in a small bubble, use a straw to blow the paint outwards for 'starburst' patterns.
- 7 Layer light colours over dark such as yellow over blue in permanent layers.
- 8 Use complimentary colours for dramatic effects such as yellow over purple, red over pale green.
- 9 Use monochrome Paint Pens such as the Graphite with Silver and White for dramatic contrast, add a pop of colour such as Red for dramatic effect.
- 10 Use washes of paint first diluted with a waterbrush, allow to dry then draw over with contrasting colours.

