Making paint paler using gouache or water

Each colour is made paler with water (left-hand column) or with white gouache (right-hand column). It's interesting to compare colours made paler with the addition of water with colours made paler with the addition of white. You can see differences in transparency, opacity and brightness.

A note on manufacturers

Here you can see the manufacturers and colours that I use. However, there are many other makes available throughout the world that I wouldn't want to dismiss, but I've only been able to use these here and others may be just as good, better or worse. There are certain makes of colours that I prefer, such as Winsor & Newton's cadmium yellow because it is brighter than Daler-Rowney's, and I prefer Daler-Rowney's jet black to any other black, but that's just me. It's hard to say whether or not it makes a huge difference because many makes of gouache are excellent, yet some are poor quality. At the end of the day, we all have our own favourite colours and makes.



