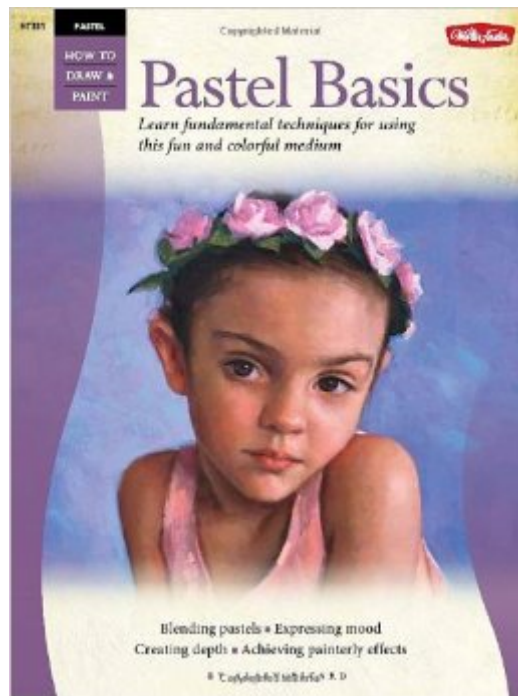


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# Pastel: Basics: Learn Fundamental Techniques For Using This Fun And Colorful Medium (How To Draw & Paint)



## Synopsis

Pastel is a versatile medium unlike any other. Although beginning artists are often interested in pastel, the medium can appear intimidating to the novice. With its comprehensive introduction, tips, techniques, and easy-to-follow instruction, *Pastel Basics* seeks to create a fun and approachable means of introducing this adaptable medium to beginning artists, illustrating that pastels are accessible to any artist who wants to work with them. This book covers the basic pastel tools and materials, as well as the differences between hard and soft pastels and how to use them.

Accomplished artist Alain Picard provides an in-depth introduction to color theory, training aspiring artists how to use and blend pastel colors effectively to achieve the desired temperature, mood, and atmosphere, as well as to create depth and movement. Artists will discover how to achieve soft and vibrant effects, render light and shadow, and achieve a range of textures with this delicate and soft medium. In addition, artists will learn how to create a range of strokes using myriad techniques, such as stippling, hatching, blending, and more, and discover methods for creating brilliant skies, realistic reflections, luminous light, velvety tones, and deep shadows. Simple step-by-step projects allow artists of all abilities to put their newfound pastel skills to use and include such subjects as a landscape, a portrait, and a still life. With expert instruction, a breadth of coverage, helpful tips, and colorful illustrations, *Pastel Basics* is the perfect resource for artists wanting to get started using this fun and vibrant medium.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Beautiful cover. I gave this only 4 stars because I wish Alain Picard had done a larger book with

much more content. He is a great artist. However, if you are wanting to give soft pastels a try, for the cost, this is a very good start and the instruction is coming from an artist whose knowledge of pastels is huge. He has won award after award. You will learn. It is informative and does get into tools and materials, getting started, the basics and techniques of pastels...depth and form, even painting a portrait. Yes, there is some excellent instruction inside. But, nothing you would not find in a larger instructional pastel book. I still would recommend this book because it is a very helpful book in the introduction of pastels for a very low price. Every page in this only 32 page soft covered (Walter Foster) book teaches.

LOVE IT! This is really an exception example of the use of pastels in choosing skin colors for all types of skins. This clarified a lot of choices and when to use certain choices in pastels. I highly recommend it.

Personally I thought this a waste of money. 10 pages of huge pictures of chalk or 'BASIC' techniques that could have been said on two pages. How to draw a pear took 4 pages... Really? To draw the little girl is 6 pages with very little written information on why he did it in that manner & plenty of space left blank.

This has been a great help for my artist daughter who is branching out trying new things! She is loving working with pastels and this book helped her feel successful with her first picture!

I really enjoyed this book. It is easy to understand and apply the methods used. I like his impressionistic style. Terri

As another review stated, I got what I paid for here. There are only two pages of what I would truly call "techniques," and the rest is rather superfluous.

Great resource for getting further in how to bring pastel painting to life. Light is easily demonstrated by Alain Picard. A gifted teacher and artist.

Short but a lot of useful info, especially if you are new to pastel work. Highly recommend!

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