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# Oil Painting Essentials: Mastering Portraits, Figures, Still Lives, Landscapes, And Interiors



## Synopsis

An essential guide to the oil painting techniques that will allow artists to master a variety of subjects, including figures, portraits, still life, landscapes, and interiors. Many painters limit themselves to one type of subject matter, but in *Oil Painting Essentials*, artist and art instructor Gregg Kreutz shows how a multi-genre approach can dramatically improve your painting skills. Arranged by category, each chapter covers both the essentials specific to that subject matter and those that apply to all genres. Through step-by-step lessons and examples from his own oil paintings, Kreutz shows how you can strengthen your skillset for one genre by painting in another. This comprehensive exploration of the conceptual and practical issues behind oil painting provides all of the tools and encouragement you need to successfully take on any type of oil painting.

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## Customer Reviews

"Gregg Kreutz encourages learning to see with clarity and insight, and that's exactly what this book achieves. I'm an art observer, not an artist, but even I can follow and

admire Kreutz's logical, step-by-step approach to making paintings look better." —PETER

TRIPPI, editor-in-chief, *Fine Art Connoisseur* magazine  
In *Oil Painting Essentials*, Gregg Kreutz expands on the teachings and ideas that he brought forth first in *Problem Solving for Oil Painters*.

This new book is rich and colorful with Gregg's paintings, showing examples of what to strive for and what to avoid when learning to paint. The writing is wonderfully clear, providing many insights for solving the essential problems art students confront." —DAVID A LEFFEL, artist and teacher

GREGG KREUTZ is an artist, instructor at the Art Students League of New York, and author of the classic instructional text *Problem Solving for Oil Painters*. His paintings have been shown in New York and in galleries across the country. Having worked as a painter and teacher for three decades, he is sought after for his national and international workshops, and his popular videos continue to be in demand. He lives in New York City.

Great info and thorough

A little disappointed in the book. I thought it would be like his last book with more of an explanation on technique but it seems to be more of a philosophical concept on his paintings.

I have a lot of books on painting and drawing, but I have always said that if I could only keep one, it would be Gregg Kreutz's "*Problem Solving for Oil Painters*." Now I have a problem--I have two oil painting books that I couldn't part with. This is an excellent companion to the original book, discussing concept and process essentials as they apply to portraiture, landscapes, interiors and still lifes. A pleasure to read and look at, I look forward to putting a lot of wear and tear on this book in the studio.

I like the book

The paper used in the soft cover seems a little cheaper than in his other book. That being said the content in the book itself is wonderful. I finished the whole book in two days and will defiantly keep going back to it when I'm working. Easy to read and full of good technical advice. I would also recommend *Problem Solving For Oil Painters* by Gregg Kreutz, *On Becoming A Painter* by Robert A. Johnson, *The Big Book Of Oil Painting* by Jos  M. Parram  n, *Capturing The Moment In Oils* by David Curtis and Robin Capon, *Oil Painting Secrets From A Master* by Linda Cateura, *An Artist Teaches* by David A. Leffel, *Alla Prima 2* everything I know about oil painting by Richard Schmid and *Drawing Lessons From The Great Master* by Robert Beverly Hale. These are some of the other books that I have found to be very helpful.

As always filled with common sense approaches to painting problems so wise and helpful

Very well written. A must for serious oil artists

A very good oil painting reference book full of good, practical techniques for portraits, landscapes, still life's etc. Gregg Kreutz is a great artist and teacher!

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