

Paint a Killdeer with Wren!

Materials

One piece of paper or a board measuring a square 10" x 10" or 12" x 12"
Paint Brushes various sizes
Acrylic paint in
Cadmium Orange
Ultramarine Blue
Turquoise or Aqua Blue
White
Black
Cadmium Red (or any red)
Yellow Ochre
Cup of water to clean brushes
Paper Towels
Pencil
Eraser
1 Piece of Tracing Paper at least the size of your board or paper you will be painting on
Bowl Scraper or old credit or gift card (opt)
Toothed Rubber Paint Scraper (opt)
Charcoal (opt)
Sandpaper (opt)

Step 1 Lay down those Layers

We will just cover our board. Use the "beachy" palette to fill the whole board/canvas/paper
Put paint on thick then use your bowl scraper, credit card or toothed scraper to move your paint
around

Let layers in between dry
Background can look like a beach or it can look abstract-up to you
Put as many layers on as you like.
You can lightly sand back areas to let under layers show through if you like.

Step 2 Transfer or Draw the Bird

You can draw the Killdeer free hand onto your dry panel/canvas or paper
You can trace the attached image of a Killdeer onto your tracing paper

When you trace the Killdeer, turn that tracing paper over and retrace it with thick black lines of
graphite, (pencil) or you can use charcoal

Then transfer the image onto your panel, canvas, paper by retracing the Killdeer AGAIN
Put the thicker heavier graphite marks DOWN onto the surface

Now you can start painting the Killdeer

Step 3 The Bird

I started with the more difficult, tight spots like beak, eye, face, black marks, etc
Don't forget the red for the eye!

Then I filled in the body with the brown/ochre/orange
*to make brown add orange to black
They have a bit of orange in their feathers so you can add a bit of that too

You can make the feathers with smaller brush strokes, or make it looser

Then I filled the underparts with white and gray for the shadows

I added a darker color for the legs and later when back into them with a lighter shade to give
them a little depth

Step 4 Details, Finishing

Here is when you add things like drips of paint, droplets from a wet brush with paint to create
the illusion of rocks or water

Clean up edges, fix parts that don't work

Add more paint if you like