

Stretching Watercolour Paper

- 1) In your packs are two sets of Gumstrip. Each set contains 2 pieces that are slightly longer than the length of your paper and 2 slightly longer than the width.
- 2) To stop a Gumstrip piece curling hold it against the edge of a flat surface, such as your board, and pull it downwards.
- 3) Lay the watercolour paper flat in the centre of your board.
- 4) Dip a large brush from your water pot onto the shiny side of one piece of the Gumstrip. With a clean, sweeping motion run your brush along it to activate the sticky gum. Don't fiddle with it too much as the gum needs to stay in place on the tape.
- 5) Put your first piece along the edge of the watercolour paper, one quarter on the paper, three quarters on the board. Flatten it as you go along and make sure the tape is thoroughly adhering to the paper.
- 6) Repeat this process with the other 3 pieces.
- 7) Remember the paper will cockle and warp at first, but if the Gumstrip does its job properly everything will flatten out as the paper dries. Allow several hours for it to dry fully.
- 8) Get painting your masterpiece!

If you would like to watch my 4 minute video on how to do it you can access it within the course web pages under 'stretch watercolour paper'.



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