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# If You Can Doodle, You Can Paint: Transforming Simple Drawings Into Works Of Art



## Synopsis

Doodle your way into a big painting! Doodling is really just mark making . . . marks that happen when you are otherwise occupied. These intuitive marks that flow from you naturally while you are doodling are an expression of your true style, like your handwriting. This book looks at our doodles as resources; treasures from which we can create full-sized paintings. Even if you don't consider yourself a doodler, the exercises and techniques in this book will give you a fun way to tap into your personal style, the voice that comes from deep inside. Through the exercises in this book, you will dig into your creative life to find a style that is authentically yours. The invitation starts with a pencil as you work through automatic and specific doodle assignments. Eventually, you will learn how to size up and combine these doodles into larger compositions. Then, you will begin mixing it up with watercolor paints and, finally, with acrylic paints. We will:- Dig for treasure/doodle- Observe, arrange, and study- Make folded books for doodle-ready surfaces- Copy your images with hand/eye coordination- Scan and enlarge your doodles- Add color combinations with colored pencil and acrylic paint- Create compositional grid paintings, and- Create a large complete painting!

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## Customer Reviews

"a fun way to tap into your personal style" - Cat Morley, Cut Out + Keep

Diane Culhane is a professional artist and art educator who lives West Seattle in a 1910 home and works out of her studio in Ballard Building C. She received her BFA from the University of Utah and Master's Degree from Seattle University. Diane has taught for the Bellevue School District, Seattle

Pacific University, Kirkland Arts Center, Bellevue Arts Museum, and currently directs and owns Kelsey Creek Fine Art School for children in the summer.

I had the pleasure of meeting Diane at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show in Seattle and immediately fell in love with her joyful colorful paintings. I was with a group of friends or I would have otherwise spent a great deal of time in her booth. Of all the wonderful things I saw that day I couldn't get Diane's paintings out of my mind. So when I got home I found her website and explored it and was able to see some of her other pieces. I also noticed she had a new book to be released so I pre-ordered it. I received it and I'm making my way through the beginning phase of the book and examining my own doodles. I don't plan to rush through her book but instead simply absorb and learn as I go. It's set up in stages/chapters/practices so you can work (or should I say play) your way through the book. I'm very happy I purchased this book and looking forward to the painting phase where I can turn my doodles in to elevated artwork. Thanks for writing this book Diane!!

This book was great! I had seen her work at some art shows and had always want to know her thought process. Highly recommend!!!

This book is amazing! Written by a true artist with heart and also so easy for people who don't normally paint go from their doodles to painting. Highly recommended.

I love this book!! I own many art books ( I believe you can never own enough.). I keep coming back to this one. I love the doodle aspect so I don't feel so much pressure. The drawing turns out beautiful with Diane's instructions. I love her art classes online also. She is amazing.

Enjoyed this.

I have art books where I look at the pictures and they go right onto the bookcase shelf, and I have art books that I keep by my bed and pour over and learn from and keep reading. Diane's book belongs in the latter category. I figure that if I pick up one thing from an accomplished artist whether from a book or a class, the money has been well spent, and from Diane I learned about line quality. I learned that strong lines tell a different story than do soft lines and that lines created with the sweep of my arm are vastly different than those made with a slight wrist movement. I learned that mark-making of any kind is valuable and can be made and incorporated into art with a little

imagination and a lot of trust. It's a lovely book, one from which I'm sure I'll keep learning. Thank you, Diane!

This book does a great job at breaking down the basics of painting. I've been doodling all of my life and I've always wanted to paint but have felt overwhelmed with that medium. This book does an excellent job at making that transition. I highly recommend it!!! Nice work Diane!!

Love love love this book! Inspiring and beautiful work. Each page is filled with wonderful ideas that make you want to jump up and begin to doodle and then turn your doodles into lush paintings.

Kudos to you Diane!!

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