

SWS Challenge Painting for September 2025 – Drop Color or Wet ‘n Wet

This exercise will come in handy for another challenge coming up. *Drop color or Wet ‘n Wet* is very easy and can be used for a multitude of techniques in watercolor painting. First, you can literally paint a “drop” using this technique.

First, put a drop of clean water on your paper where you want the “drop” to be. Next, with color on your brush, gently touch the wet drop of water and let the color run into the drop. Let it dry and finish by lifting some of the color from the center, adding shading or maybe another color to enhance the shape.



You can also wet your paper – really wet your paper - and drop in colors here and there for a more abstract feel. Good for abstract painting, colorful backgrounds and skies. This gives you more of a “pouring” feel to your painting.



Create soft edges with the wet ‘n wet technique. Paint the specific area with clear water, add color, let it run or tilt your paper to encourage the direction of the run. As it dries, “drop” in more color in the areas that need more shading, more color or a different color. This is a good way to create a loose painting and good for some florals. Don’t let it dry completely if you want the loose look.



Enjoy playing with wet ‘n wet or drop painting.
Experiment with the different possibilities this
technique can create.