

UOB Art Explorer

Art At Home



Tutorial 13 : Spring Painting

Step-by-step guide to create a plum blossoms and sparrow artwork using watercolours

In partnership with UOB Painting of the Year winning artists



Materials: Paper, Watercolours, Paintbrushes and Water



Prepare the watercolours.



Start by painting the plum blossoms in pink.



Paint some flower buds along with the plum blossoms in pink.



Paint the branches using black. The branches should get thinner as they branch out.



Draw a circle in the centre of the flower.



Paint details of the plum blossoms.



Paint the sparrow using brown.



Paint the sparrow's body and use strokes to paint its wings.



Paint the sparrow's tail using strokes.



Outline the sparrow's beak and neck in black. Add black spots on its body.



Paint the sparrow's eye.



Create another painting using watercolours.

Three important tips:

- 1 Hold the paintbrush closer to the bristles for better control
- 2 Use the tip of the paintbrush to paint fine details
- 3 Dab the paintbrush on paper towel to remove excess water



Aaron Gan

**2015 UOB Painting of the Year (Singapore)
Gold Award, Established Artist Category**

Born in Singapore in 1979, Mr Aaron Gan graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce (Dean's List) from the University of Western Australia in 2003. In 2012, he gave up his corporate career to become a professional artist.

Following his numerous sell-out shows, Aaron's artworks have been collected and commissioned widely both in Singapore and internationally. These include the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Library Board, GIC, Wheelock Properties, Julius Baer, The Association of Banks in Singapore and many others.

Aaron's works are regularly presented to royalties and foreign dignitaries around the world, including to former US President Barack Obama.

In 2017, Aaron collaborated with Nespresso on a regional media campaign spanning Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, Hong Kong and China. He was appointed as the Art Ambassador for Faber-Castell, Singapore in 2018 and had worked with Castiglioni del Bosco on the international launch of their exclusive Zodiac Label in 2019.