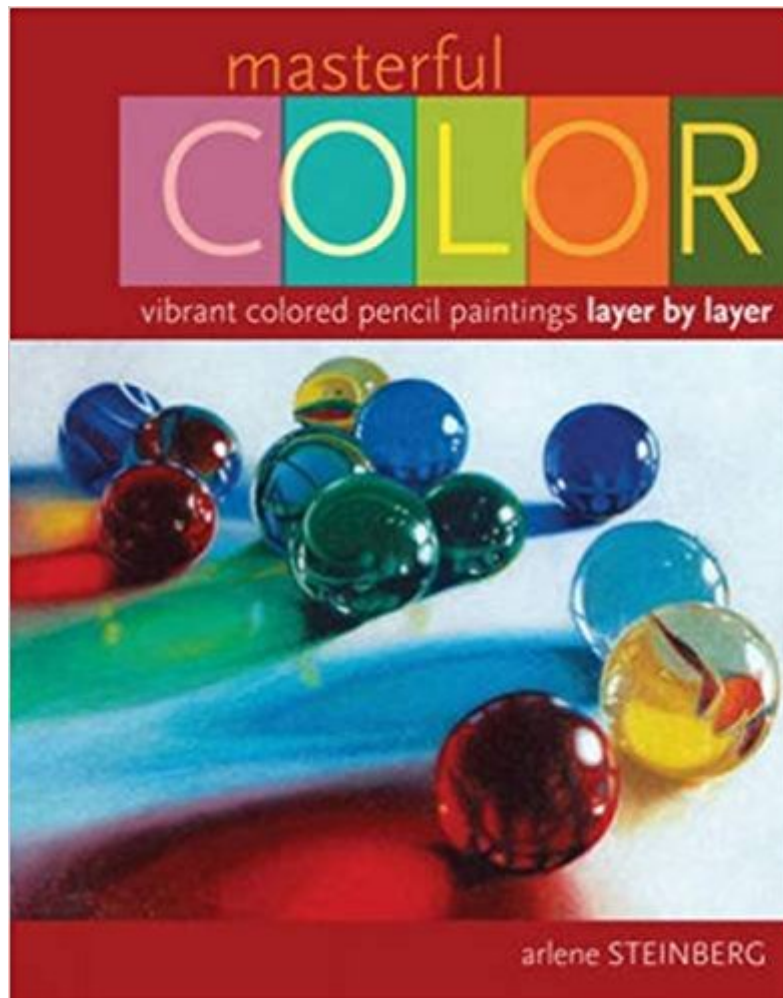




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Masterful Color: Vibrant Colored Pencil Paintings Layer By Layer



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Masterful Color will redefine the way you think about colored pencils. By employing classic techniques such as tonal under painting, chiaroscuro and color layering, you will achieve a depth and intensity of color that rivals the celebrated paintings of the Old Masters. 15 step-by-step demonstrations teach a classic approach to color, value and composition. Features a gorgeous range of subject matter, from luscious fruits and flowers to shimmering porcelain, crystal, silver, glass and more. All the lessons come together in a grand, start-to-finish painting demonstration, from initial concept to final touches.

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Customer Reviews

If you love colored pencils, a relatively new art medium, and you like realism, especially still lifes in the style of the Old Masters, this book is definitely for you. Yes, that is a painting on the cover of the book, not a photo! Incredible, isn't it? Ms. Steinberg's technique is stunning. She layers and burnishes the pigments of these waxy pencils until the result is a deep, dark, brilliant work with incredible depth and sparkle. Many times during the pages of demonstrations, I was thinking "I'd have stopped THERE" when the painting (drawing) was half-done, and the result would have been just fine, but Steinberg continues adding layers until the painting glows in great contrast. She shares these techniques with many photos of work in progress. There are also pages of color swatches of pencils, with the color listing for the most popular American brand used. Among the many resources in the book are line drawings of the demonstration paintings, so the student can practice the color layering technique without first worrying about draughtsmanship. In addition, the drawings show the

method Steinberg uses to achieve ultra-realism (you can see in the line drawing of the marbles featured on the cover, for example, that each reflection and shadow inside the marble is delineated carefully.) Steinberg counsels the artist to continue and not worry about the intermediate steps of the painting because the burnishing step alters the final result. Burnishing is done with a colorless pencil, which has a waxy component that blends and melts the layers to achieve a smoother, darker result and blended highlights.

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