

Local Area: Watercolour landscapes inspired by Frances Hatch

Key Facts

Frances Hatch is a contemporary British artist from Dorset and was born in 1955.

She left home to study in Wales, France and London.

Her artwork is inspired by natural landscapes and places that she has travelled to.

Hatch's style is immersive and her paintings are made with natural materials and weather elements from the locations where they are created.

She was awarded the Shenzhen International Watercolour Biennial Prize in 2016 and elected to The Royal Watercolour Society in 2022.

She uses each place just as she finds it, noticing its special colours and feelings from the weather, season, and temperature. She adds paint like gouache, acrylic, or watercolour and mixes it with things from that place. Water, whether it's in the air, as rain, or in a pond or river, helps bring everything together.

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Key Skills

Paint techniques	Experiment with watercolours and explore how to use them, including using different brush strokes, knowing how much water to mix to create lighter and darker tones, exploring primary and secondary colours.
Composition	Creating a background using a 'wash' of colour. Experiment with using more or less water to recreate the artist's style. Carefully consider how to add key details in the foreground.
Arrangement	Think carefully about how elements are placed or arranged to create a final image.
Discuss an artist's work	Begin to think critically about the work of an artist. Explore likes and dislikes about a painting, and how these relate to the work of Frances Hatch.

Key Vocabulary

watercolours	Paint thinned with water.
landscape	Visible features of a land.
natural materials	Physical substances that originate from animals, plants and the earth.
wash	Even layer of colour diluted with water.
strokes	The way in which paint is put onto paper using a paint brush.
gradient	A smooth transition from one colour to another or from a dark colour to a light one.
nature	Everything in the natural world that is not made by people including animals, plants, weather and the sky.

