

Millison's Wood Bluebells

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I'm sure that like me you took lots of photos of the bluebells again this year, so lets have a go at painting them.

1. Lightly draw a suggestion of a couple of tree trunks and a wiggly pathway.

2. First layer, Mix separate puddles of:-

- Yellow
- Yellow and Blue (yellow/green)
- Blue
- Blue and a purple Red (blue/purple)
- Weak Brown

Don't make the colours too strong. Wet all of paper with clean water. Working with a big brush, from the top downwards add the colours. Add the yellows and greens to the top area. Do not cover the whole of the paper, leave patches WITHOUT paint on.



While the paper is still wet, add the blue, the purple and the green to the lower area in patches and a little weak brown to the path. If you clean your brush and dry it on kitchen roll you can then drag it up the tree trunks and it will lift out colour on the tree trunks. **Let it dry.**

3. Second layer. Mix a **strong** puddle of:-

- Blue + Yellow (blue/green)

Turn picture upside down. Wet the tree area with clean water with clean, right up into the sky area. Add the dark green to the lower edge of the tree line and let it run. With a clean dry brush, lift out tree trunks again **Let it dry.**

4. Leaves on trees. Mix strong washes of:-

- Lemon Yellow
- Cadmium Yellow
- Ultramarine Blue + Cadmium Yellow (blue/green)

With a clean, slightly damp sponge, dip into paint and lightly sponge patches over trees, this gives the affect of leaves.

5. Bluebells. Mix puddles of:-

- Blue
- Blue + Red (blue/purple)
- Blue + Yellow (yellow/green)

On the bottom two thirds of the bluebell area, lightly sponge on bands of blue then purple then green. Don't sponge into the back area of the bluebells but if you do, dab with dry kitchen roll straight away.

6. Tree Trunks. Mix strong puddles of:-

- Blue + Yellow (blue/green)
- Blue + Brown (dark brown/grey)

Add the blue/green to parts of the tree trunks leaving some areas without paint. Add some of the darker colour in patches to the shadowy side of the trunk. Use these colours to add a few branches and distant trunks. Just add a few branches, only in patches between the clusters of leaves.

7. Shadows. Mix a puddle of:

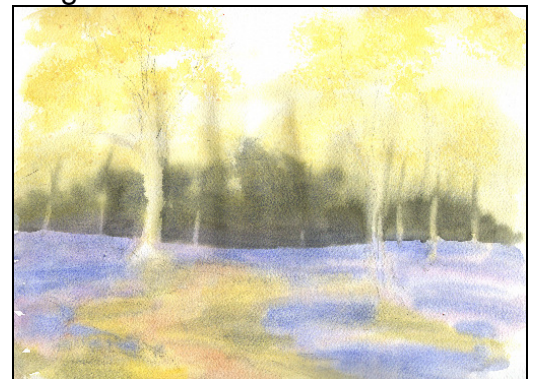
- Blue + a touch of Brown (dark blue)

Sponge on a few shadows into the blue bells then using a brush paint on a few streaks from the tree trunks horizontally across the picture for the shadows.

8. Foreground. Add a few dots of Red on the edge of the path for a few Campion flowers.



Stage 1



Stage 2



Stages 4 and 5