Fab Flamingo

Step-by-Step Instructions

CANVAS

Step 1: With a 1" brush, get some light buttermilk and white paint and fill in the bottom ⅓ of your canvas, with horizontal brush strokes.

Step 2: Clean your brush and fill in the middle ⅓ of your canvas with teal paint. Define the top with a line of blue, and then blend down. Add touches of lighter teal and yellow green paint as you blend down. Blend a little white to the bottom of this middle section of water, so the water is lighter and has an ombre look.

Step 3: With a clean brush, mix a light teal with white paint. Make little figure 8's to paint in the top ⅓ of the canvas, that is the sky. Make the sky slightly lighter as it gets closer to the water by adding more white.

Step 4: With the medium round brush, add a clump of seagrass in the lower left corner with an earthly green color. Then, using a dark teal, to add some shadows.

Step 5: Use a tracer, or free hand the hibiscus with a bright pink. Fill in the petals with light pink. Then, use the paint brush handle as a stamp, and add a few dots. Add some white highlights with a liner brush. They look like little commas.

Step 6: Using the flamingo tracer, outline the bird's body with bright pink, but not the legs. This will be done free-handed.

Step 7: Paint one leg straight down. The other leg comes back and then forward. It will almost look like a "4" shape. Add 3 toes and knobby knees.

Step 8: Fill in the flamingo body with bright pink. Then grab and pull some light pink over the first layer to make a feathered look. With a liner brush, add some highlights in Carousel pink.

Step 9: Add little lines of black around the body and on the back of the legs. Paint the beak tip black and then a "T" shape. Add a black dot for the eye.

Step 10: Add little white lines for highlights in the body. Add some to the front of the legs too. One small dot in the eye makes your bird look alive.

Step 11: Add a few thin white horizontal lines in the water. Some far away waves will give your picture depth.

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