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Pōhutukawa Tree Watercolour Painting

A simple step-by-step guide

Skill Level: INTERMEDIATE

Materials

- Reeves Watercolour Pocket Set
- Reeves Watercolour Short Handle Brush Set of 7
- Reeves Water Colour Pad A4
- Reeves Watercolour Paint Set 12ml 12 Pack
- Water
- Pencil



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1

Lightly sketch a thick trunk, a few main branches, and a loose rounded canopy.



2

Mix your main colours on a palette: browns for the trunk, greens for foliage, blues for sky and water, yellows for the foreground, and reds for the pōhutukawa flowers.



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Layer darker greens over some areas of the foliage to create depth and dimension. Keep the brushstrokes loose to maintain a watercolour feel.



6

Add a soft wash of yellowgreen across the ground beneath the tree. Paint distant hills using diluted greens and greys, keeping them lighter than the main tree so they recede into the distance.



7

Apply a diluted blue wash for the sky and water. Work around the tree canopy carefully, allowing some white areas to remain for highlights.



8

Once the foliage is dry, dab clusters of red throughout the canopy, concentrating near the outer branches. Leave some green visible between flower clusters.



9

Use a fine brush to add touches of yellow to the red pōhutukawa flowers, creating highlights, depth, and texture.



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Allow your painting to dry, then display or frame your vibrant pōhutukawa artwork.