

MESSAGE FROM ERIC

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HOW TO PAINT LOOSELY—THE VALUE OF A SKETCHBOOK

Sometimes the practicalities of life pull me away from painting for a while. When that happens, I have found that keeping an active sketchbook is an excellent way to keep my right brain engaged. It makes the transition back into the creative process much easier.

I suggest trying a variety of tools for sketching. I find the big clutch pencils with a Nero lead a pleasure to draw with. Once you find a tool that suits you, you're much more likely to pick it up and use it.

Next time you have some downtime at the airport--or anywhere--pull out your sketchbook and your favorite drawing utensil. Casual sketching is a relaxing way to pass the time. Your confidence will grow as your drawing skills improve, and you will be "in the zone" when it comes time to pick up a paintbrush again.

Keep your brush wet,

Eric



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