

MESSAGE FROM ERIC

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Eric,

It seems to me there are some pretty nice synthetic brushes on the market now. Have you experimented with them, and what is your opinion?

- Carol in Seattle

Carol,

Yes, I have noticed a few attractive- looking synthetic brushes. At first glance they appear to be made of a natural hair until I try them out, and then I realize they are synthetic. It seems like the brush makers are getting more skilled at trying to duplicate the unsurpassed water carrying capacity of a natural hair brush, but are not there yet and probably never will be. I feel the natural hair brushes are the better value for several reasons:



The better synthetic brushes are priced close to a comparable natural brush; therefore, there is no price advantage with a synthetic.

A good natural hair brush still has a larger water carrying capacity than a synthetic.

Natural hair brushes splay out more uniformly for painting texture, as in foliage or grass. The synthetics tend not to stay splayed, and undesirably snap back to a point.

I think the brush world is still some distance from duplicating the beauty and function of a natural hair brush.

Keep your brush wet!

ERIC



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