

## CAN ANYONE LEARN TO PAINT TRANSCRIPT

### INTRO VIDEO

There's always been a debate about whether artists are born or made. Artistic ability is a gift, so the argument goes, as something you're either born with or you're not. I'm a prime example. I mean I've been drawing and painting all my professional life, it's just something I've always been able to do. And I probably inherited those abilities from my father who was also an artist. Lucky me.

On the other hand, you could say that in order to become an artist I've had to work at it. I mean I was surrounded by art from birth. I was always taken to exhibitions when I was younger but importantly I was also encouraged. Encouraged to keep drawing even when I was frustrated with what I'd created, encouraged to keep working at it in order to improve on what I could already do.

There are plenty of people though who are totally convinced they could never be artistic. Art is something they may have done at school and they've never returned too, it simply wasn't for them. And it does beg the question, can anyone be artistic? Can anyone learn to paint?