

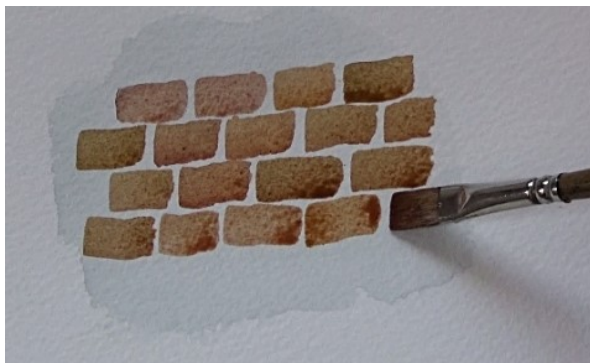
Watercolor textures

Bricks

Bricks have a rough texture and the older they are the more worn and cracked they can become. They make a fascinating study just on their own.

Practice painting bricks in this exercise.

Lay down a pale wash of a bluish grey made from cerulean blue and a touch of burnt sienna. Allow it to dry before painting your bricks on top.



Use a flat brush and three different brick colors (I used burnt sienna, yellow ochre and burnt umber). Paint a couple of bricks in one color and then, without cleaning your brush, pick up another color and paint a few more. Continue in this way to lay down the bricks in rows.



Use a small brush to add some dark shadows under some of the bricks while they are still wet. Use burnt sienna and ultramarine blue to create this dark color.



Leave the bricks to dry and then with the same small brush, add in some other shadows and spots and speckles to build up the texture.

Continue doing this until you are satisfied with the outcome. Be careful not to overdo it though!

If you need to, then wash carefully over the bricks and cement with a brush dampened in clean water to soften any edges that are too hard.

