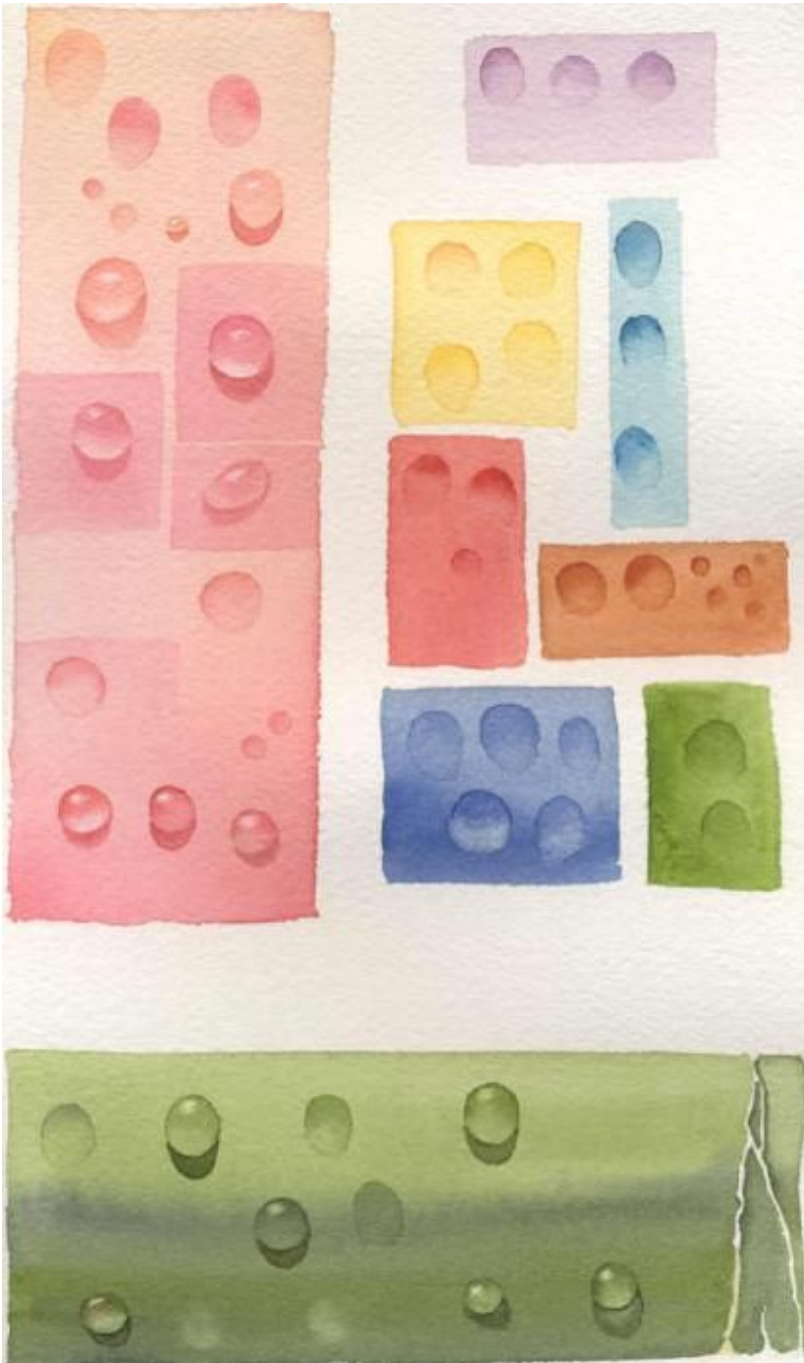


Susie's Watercolor Tips



Painting dew drops or water droplets on any color background

On dry paper, paint the shape of the droplet using the same colors used to paint the petal or leaf. It should be slightly darker on the side nearest the light source.

You can lighten the opposite side of the droplet by adding a tiny drop of clear water and slightly blending off the edge.

Dry completely.

Next, paint the crescent shaped shadow opposite the light source.

When absolutely dry, lift a soft highlight with a stiff brush or a hard eraser. You get a brighter sharper highlight by pricking a spot with a sharp pointed tool such as an Xacto knife or single edged razor blade.

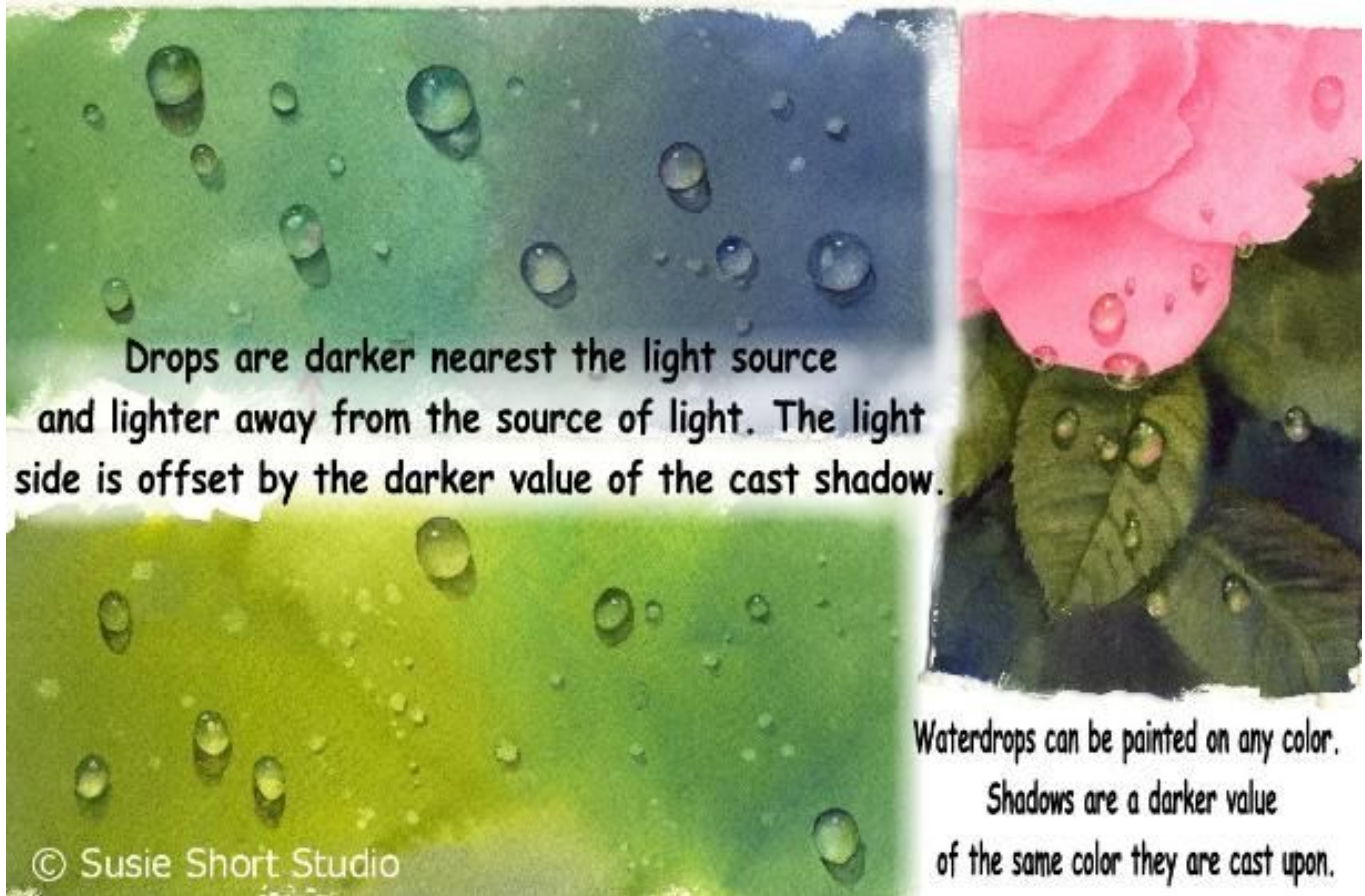
To enhance your droplets, try adding a touch of color that might be the reflection of something near the droplet.

A touch of blue reflects the sky.

That's it!
Enjoy painting!

Note: On a darker value, you may want to lift a little color inside the drop first. Allow to dry completely. Then follow the same steps listed above. It doesn't take much to give you the illusion of water drops, rain drops, or dew drops.

Here are some realistic examples of drops. Can you find the unfinished drops that still need some details?



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