

**Acrylic Paint:** painting with cotton buds and plastic cards/palette knives

**Colours used in the video tutorial:** cadmium yellow hue (a mid yellow would work), titanium white, Payne's grey (a black could be used to make grey with white instead), violet (your own purple can be made also), crimson red, phthalo blue, cerulean blue,

**Optional extras:** lemon yellow, ultramarine blue

*Image used in the tutorial:* please note this is for reference and changes to composition can be made.



This tutorial is all about having fun with colour and paint, and hopefully taking away some of the pressures we put on ourselves when painting. There is so much fun to be had painting with non-traditional painting tools such as cotton buds and plastic cards.

As you can see from the image, I have changed it a lot during my demonstration and did not want to go for an exact replica; I used the image as a reference for colour and shape instead. However, there is nothing wrong with rendering a more realistic version if that's what you prefer. You may also want to consider finding a section of the image that interests you if you don't want to tackle it in its entirety.

Something that I forgot to mention in the video is that once you've painted in your background, do use a 2H or HB pencil to map in your composition if you feel more comfortable with some lines to get you started – in hindsight I wish I'd done this as even placing a few lavenders would have improved my composition.

If you're unsure about how to start, take a look at the lavender sprigs in the alternative images below. Begin in the same way, by covering your background with a layer of paint and once dry, use a palette knife or plastic card to paint in the stalks. The lavender can then be worked on using cotton buds.

Alternative images

