

Bluebell Woods By Julie Hyde

Using watercolour paint and paper. I used Bockingford 425gsm but you can use 300gsm

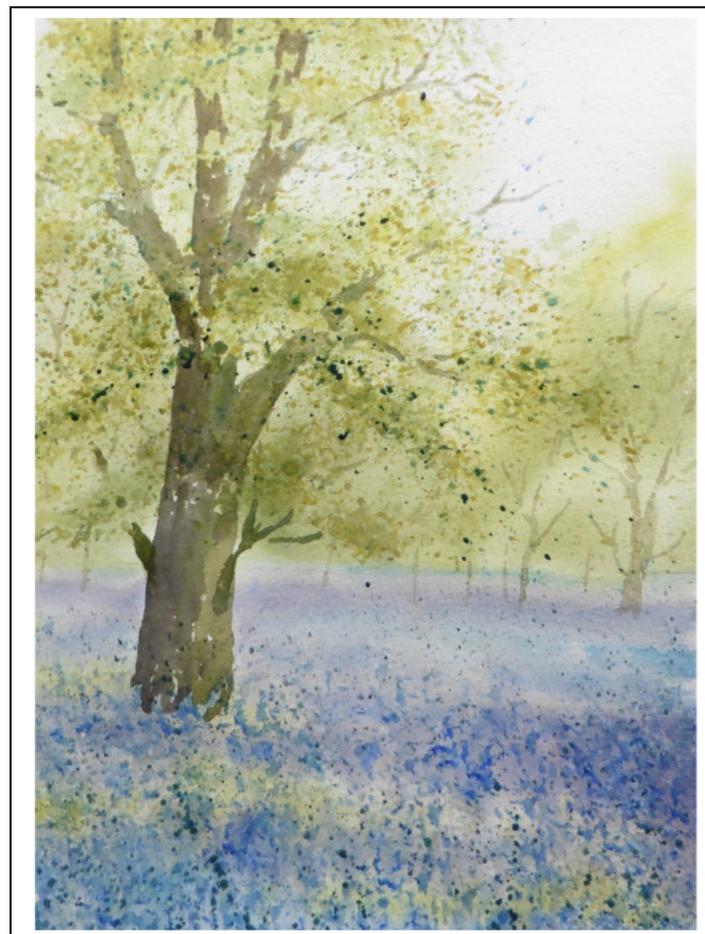
1. Lightly draw tree and a suggestion of the horizon about a third if the way up the paper.

2. First layer, Mix puddles of:-

- Lemon Yellow
- Cadmium Yellow + Prussian Blue (or Intense Blue)
- Lemon Yellow and Ultramarine Blue (yellow/green)
- Ultramarine Blue
- Ultramarine Blue and Alizarin Crimson (blue/purple)
- Cerulean Blue

Wet all of paper with clean water. Working with a big brush, from the top downwards add the colours. Add the yellows and greens to the top area. Do not cover the whole of the paper, leave patches WITHOUT paint on. Add the blue, purple and a little green to the lower area in bands. Spatter a bit of blue at the bottom by flicking the end of your brush. Add twenty grains of salt to the bottom if you want to **Let it dry**.

3. Leaves on trees and bluebells. Mix **strong** washes of the same colours that you used before and using a clean, slightly damp sponge, dip into paint and lightly sponge patches of the yellows and greens over trees. Lightly sponge some blues towards the bottom of the picture, just for the bluebells at the front not at the back. Condition your sponge before you use it by soaking it in clean water and then squeezing out as much water as you possibly can...then dip it in strong paint. Make sure that you use a light touch. If it gets too wet stop!! You can always add more when its dry.



4. Tree Trunks. Mix strong washes of:-

- Ultramarine Blue + Cadmium Yellow
- Ultramarine Blue + Burnt Umber (dark brown/grey)

Using a smaller brush and on to dry paper, add the green onto the right side of the tree trunk. Add some of the darker colour in patches to the shadowy left side of the trunk. Where any sponging goes over the tree trunk and branches, stop and work the branches either side of this. Weaken these colours a little to add a few branches and distant trunks. Don't put in too many.

5. Cover the top half of your painting with scrap paper then flick and spatter some more colour over the bluebells at the bottom. Then take the paper off and flick some over the leaves on the tree.