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# sunflower shapes

Sunflowers have beautiful shapes, loose and bright and full of frivolity! I love sunflowers because they follow no particular rules, and can be large, small, speckled, and all different sizes and colors.

The essential shape of a sunflower, however, is fairly consistent. Turning a sunflower slightly sideways when you paint it can give help you translate a feeling of depth in your flowers. The petals further from the tip of your nose represent an Dzarcdz shape, or smile. The petals turned slightly toward you are foreshortened, so they are represented either by a straight line or a series of dashes.

Just under those foreshortened petals will be your deepest shadows. Your brightest yellows, your highlights, typically will fall on the foreshortened petals.

Remember that the base of a sunflower petal is thicker than the tip. So tips are thinner and have cooler yellows (leaning toward green). The base of the petal will be warmer and lean toward a golden yellow or red tone.

The greenery in sunflowers is very warm, and you'll see red edges when the leaves shrivel. Remember to use warm green mixtures for sunflower stems and leaves.