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# picket fences

White picket fences in light are delightful to paint, and are filled with many color opportunities and shapes. In general, remember to paint these fences not only as a series of straight lines, but to incorporate masses of solid shadow, as well as masses of areas in light.

Where the fences are closer to the ground, vegetation and flowers tend to cast a shadow on the pickets. Remember that anything in front of the fence is going to cast a shadow on the fence, including plants such as roses or morning glories and other climbers. Exaggerate these cast shadows using transparent oxide yellow in the transparent stage, or magenta.

In the opaque stage, shadows are beautiful if they are translated as warm grays, such as a mixture of transparent oxide yellow and winsor violet and white. For particularly vivid shadows, magenta with white is a nice choice. Most importantly, have fun choosing those shadow colors. White takes on the properties of the flowers nearby, so reflect those into your fences, both in shadow and light.