

*brilliant color bootcamp*

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# poppy shapes

Poppies come in many colors and sizes. When painting poppies, remember the gossamer petals that surround the central part of the flower are quite thin, and in bright light they become semi-transparent. This means that the center of the flower, including its darker color, will show through to the calyx of the flower.

The centers of poppies in the module painting reference photo are quite dramatic, and resemble small striped spaceships with green and purple highlights. These mountain poppies tend to be quite large, so stretch those petals out and give them plenty of crenellations. These tiny folds add so character to each flower, and can also lead the eye into the center.

The greenery in poppies is very cool, and depending on the variety, tends to resemble feathery pieces similar to dill.