Botanical Painting with Coloured Pencils
by Ann Swan

Water-soluble and oil-based coloured pencils are becoming increasingly popular for botanical painting as they are easier to use than traditional watercolour and are more forgiving, yet they produce the same stunning effects. They are especially suitable for the accuracy needed to paint in the botanical style of illustration.

In this book Ann Swan gives helpful advice on all aspects of working with coloured pencils, including the techniques you will have to master—underpainting, layering, and burnishing. She also demonstrates how to mix and build up colour, and how to add those finishing touches that will complete your painting successfully.

Several full step-by-step demonstrations are included to show how these techniques are put into practice. The book concludes with a gallery of coloured pencil works by the author, students of botanical painting and other professional botanical painters, providing a wonderful source of reference and inspiration.

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Before the invention of photography, artists visually documented the world through drawings and paintings. The images they created educated the world of the many plant species and were often used by scientists, doctors, and gardeners. Botanical artists were required to have incredible attention to detail along with a high level of artistic skill. Today, we no longer rely on botanical drawings for scientific identification, but works of the past have inspired contemporary artists to carry