

9 SIGNIFICANT TRAITS FOUND IN WILDLY SUCCESSFUL ARTISTS

by Master Oil Painting



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PAINT EVERY DAY

Work every day to become a better artist through painting and analyzing your work for strengths and weaknesses. Make time to paint at least a little every single day.



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LEARN FROM ONE ARTIST

Study with one artist at a time that you admire and try to do what they do - not so you end up painting like them, but to develop skills and techniques that will allow you to paint the way you want.



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TAKE A BREAK

Don't study forever with one artist - take breaks in-between training with different artists (months or years). Practice the things you were taught like crazy and then give yourself some time to let everything sink in.



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DON'T FORCE YOUR "LOOK"

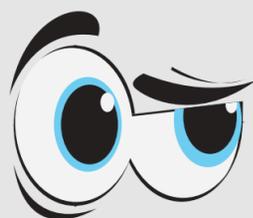
Don't force it. If you paint consistently, analyze your work for strengths and weaknesses and follow your instincts your own 'look' will emerge over time.



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PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

Be Patient! Nobody picks up a paintbrush for the first time fully formed. It takes time and pondering and work - a lot of it.



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SECOND SET OF EYES

Get feedback about your paintings from professional artists periodically to make sure you aren't blinded to some major weakness in your artwork. Ask them to be brutally honest and don't get your feelings hurt. If you're worried about your feelings, don't get feedback until you can handle it.



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THINK FOR YOURSELF

During your feedback sessions it's important to remember that nobody, and I mean nobody, is perfect. Take the feedback, positive or negative, and thank them sincerely for the help. Then ponder it. If you agree, make the changes immediately while it's fresh in your mind and then focus on overcoming that weakness in future work.



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ASK FOR HELP - DON'T TAKE OFFENSE AT "NO"

Artists are some of the most generous people I know and most are happy to share their knowledge and experience with others. They really do love to help, so don't be afraid to reach out and ask. At the same time, most professional artists are extremely busy, so be patient. If you don't get a response, reach out to a different artist. It could be that the first one was gone on a painting trip, or he/she has simply received too many requests for their time. Quite a few artists are also just plain bad at checking their inbox on a regular basis. Don't get offended, just move on.



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DON'T KEEP JUMPING SHIP

Study other artists' work, but don't jump ship every time you think someone is amazing. It's important to learn what you can from others without letting it distract you from your own work. Too many amateur artists attempt to change their style to fit everyone else's and get stuck feeling like a hamster on a wheel - constantly working and getting nowhere.

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