Albrecht Dürer
Watercolour Marker
Climate protection starts with the product – global CO₂ neutrality is unique in the writing instrument industry

TÜV Rheinland has certified that the company is CO₂ neutral worldwide. The company’s eco-forests in Brazil and Columbia actively contribute to protecting the environment. Instead of touting individual “green products”, Faber-Castell minimises its environmental footprint throughout the entire life cycle of its product range.

Faber-Castell products are green because they are long-lasting, often refillable as well as pollutant-free, and come from CO₂-neutral production. The use of bio and recycled plastics also improves the “green footprint” of Faber-Castell.
Faber-Castell stands for quality

Faber-Castell is one of the world’s leading manufacturers and marketers of quality products for writing, drawing and creative design – the brand name is world-famous. In the core area of woodcased pencils, the group is the most important and oldest manufacturer in the world with a production capacity of more than 2 billion pencils and coloured pencils.

Its Art & Graphic range allows Faber-Castell to enjoy a great reputation among artists and hobby painters. Prestigious creative minds have recognised this expertise since time immemorial – from Vincent van Gogh to Karl Lagerfeld. High-quality artists’ pigments ensure light resistance and thus brilliance and colour intensity for decades. All products are based on the same colour system, enabling reliable mixing techniques of artists’ materials.
The new Albrecht Dürer artists’ water-colour marker is the modern definition of watercolour painting: a high quality drawing instrument that supports spontaneous sketching as well as painting in watercolours. The water-based ink is always ready and is excellently usable with water.

Quality is our maxim. So the artists’ watercolour marker stands out because of high pigmentation and high lightfastness. The colours follow the Faber-Castell colour system and are therefore reliably combinable with other artist pencils from Faber-Castell.

The versatility of the Albrecht Dürer watercolour marker convinces above all on its travels. Whoever likes to capture impressions while on the road will reach for this pen with relish. Two nibs – a brush nib and a fibre-tip – offer the artist flexibility in the personal drawing style. The ink lends drawings and preliminary sketches a high dynamic that is intensified through painting with water.

Albrecht Dürer artists’ watercolour markers are available in 30 individual colours.
Brush nib and Fibre-tip

**The brush nib**
The soft, flexible brush nib that retains its shape is ideal for creating painterly works. You can create strokes of different thicknesses by varying the direction and angle of the pen. Large areas can be filled quickly by holding the pen in a flat position.

**The fibre-tip**
The fibre-tip is suitable for detailed drawings, sharp fine lines and graphic elements. The colour flow is kept constant regardless of which working pressure is being used. The width of the stroke is between 1-2 mm depending on the drawing angle.
The correct paper

Good drawing results depend on the paper being used. For an optimal result we recommend watercolour paper from Canson Montval (300g/sqm – fine grained) and Hahnemühle Fine Art Britannia (300g/qm hot pressed). These watercolour papers consist of cellulose paper and support good water solubility of the ink.

Watercolour pads have glued edges which allows the paper to be smoothed out. Individual sheets should be fixed onto an underlay before painting with watercolours. The higher the grammage of a piece of paper, the better the flatness for painting with watercolours.

The Albrecht Dürer artists’ watercolour marker does not bleed through the paper, so both sides of the paper of a sketchbook are usable.
The colours of the Albrecht Dürer artists’ watercolour marker can be gradually lightened. The amount of water decides the degree of lightening.

As for darkening a colour, not just black or grey can be used, but also the respective complementary colour. Complementary colours are opposite each other on the colour wheel. The layering of complementary colours creates broken or grey colour mixtures.

**Tip**
Complementary colours put next to each other enhance each other’s colour effect. So, for example, orange makes blue shine when placed next to it.
Darkened with cold grey IV / mixed with water

Darkened with complementary colour / mixed with water

Applied with pure dry colour / mixed with water

Lightening with water
Mixing colours without water
Layering colours dry on each other produces colour blends with sharp edges and shapes. The transparency of the ink lets layered colour surfaces shine through and thus allows for extravagantly mixed colour tones. Depending on the order in which the colours are overlapped, various mixed colours can be produced. Thus, yellow over blue produces something different than blue over yellow.

Mixing colours with water
With brush and water layered colours can run into each other and mix. The edges and lines of the drawing blend when get watercoloured and leave picturesque surfaces with a typical watercolour appearance.

Dissolve colours on separate paper
When doing watercolouring it is possible that a colour does not have quite the intensity or depth that one would wish for. No problem, because extra colour is quickly dissolved on a separate piece of paper and can easily be worked in while still on the moist surface.

Tip
If the nib is dirty and shows residues of other colours, it can be easily cleaned with a paper towel.
Hatching

The light intensity of objects are artistically defined when hatchings are used. Line strength, gaps and dynamic determine the appearance. The closer the lines are to each other, the darker and more intense the colour effect is.

**Parallel hatchings**
In parallel hatching, the strokes run in the same direction. Stroke length and distance vary the optical result. Overlapping and compacting influences the tonal value and mixed tones.

**Cross hatchings**
For cross hatching, hatchings are overlapped at different angles. Various mixed tones and shadings define the thickness, colour and cromacity of the cross hatchings.

**Formative hatchings**
Formative hatchings take on the individual contour of the object; i.e. the lines run parallel to it.
Techniques

Watercolour techniques

The Albrecht Dürer watercolour markers give the artist the freedom to use any current watercolour techniques. The ink pigments dissolve and distribute themselves perfectly in the water film and change surfaces and lines in no time into impressive watercolour pictures.

Colour gradients
Applying two colours on areas adjacent to each other and then blending the two areas with a wet brush in the middle will produce flowing bleed patterns and brilliant mixed colours.

Misting bottle
Extravagant effects as well as interesting mixed tones are created when spraying a drawing with water from a spray bottle. The selectively dissolving colours provide immediate spontaneity and vitality in the picture.

Dissolve dried colour
Lovely watercolour effects can also be produced by using a wet brush to redissolve colours that have dried slightly.
Watercolour techniques

Glaze
Here, several thin colour layers are laid on top of each other. Each layer of colour applied must dry before overlapping with the next colour. As watercolours are transparent, the overlapping colours mix visually to create new colours. Painting with glazes gives a picture layer-for-layer depth.

Wet in wet
Every watercolour painter knows and loves this painting technique. First the paper is well dampened with clear water. The colour pigments are dissolved on the paper when the drawing starts and immediately they spread out across the wet surface.

Salt technique
The salt technique provides wonderful textures. Sprinkled on a wet picture, coarse salt intensely absorbs water and colour and is easily removed after complete drying.
Techniques

Special techniques with the water brush

The Faber-Castell water brush is the perfect companion for the artists’ water-colour marker to realise all the techniques described when on the go. Additionally pictures can become lively and individual with further techniques.

**Partially Blurring Colours**
An exciting appearance occurs together with undissolved and dissolved ink. Partially liquidized colour can be blurred with the water brush and lends the picture a special dynamic.

**Dry-brush-technique (Granulation)**
The paint is applied superficially using an almost dry brush, the pigments remain on the top layer of the paper grain. A structured paper surface is an advantage for this technique.

**Colour spritzing**
Colour spritzing can be used to create an unparalleled sense of airiness in watercolour artworks. For this technique, the tip of the brush is run over the nib of the marker in short, quick upwards and downwards motions so that paint splatters land directly on the picture. Different results can be created by varying the water quantity and the distance from the picture.
The sophisticated cap offers a range of interesting design options.

**Scrapping technique**

With the v-shaped side of the cap, the dissolved paint can be moved easily over the paper to create unusual structures like with a paint knife.

**Scratching technique**

The integrated grooves on the cap are perfect for creative effects: The damp paper can be scored to add strong highlights to the picture with line patterns in various forms.
Techniques

Masking

The masking fluid protects areas which should stay the same colour as the paper. Using a brush, it is applied at the very start to parts of the picture which should be protected and must then be left to dry. After drawing and painting, carefully remove the masking fluid with a finger once the picture is dry.

Art supply shops offer white and blue masking liquid. The difference lies only in the better visibility of masked surfaces. It is thus a matter of pure taste as to which masking colour the artist prefers.
By combining the Albrecht Dürer artists’ watercolour marker and other painting and drawing media, amazing picture compositions develop.

**Pitt Artist Pen**
The lightfast India ink pen Pitt Artist Pen is perfect for setting clear lines and accents on dried watercolours. Since the ink is waterproof, sketches prepared with Pitt Artist Pen remain clear upon subsequent watercolour painting. The Pitt Artist Pen fineliner in different nib sizes and the Pitt Artist Pen brush with its flexible brush nib enrich the drawing style of any artist.

**Castell 9000 Graphite Pencils**
Watercolour pictures combined with graphite pencils impress with a classy appearance. The drawing lends the watercolour picture “elegance and subtle vibrancy” when set on a dried watercolour.
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