# Painting in the Jungle with Henri Rousseau 

## Fun Facts about Henri Rousseau

paintings is
‘Tiger in a Tropical Storm (Surprised 1891!)'
 painting titled 'Exotic Landscape 1910'

## Full name

Henri Julien Félix Rousseau

Rousseau was inspired by the jungle, but he never was there. His sources of imagination were illustrated books and visits to the Zoo and Botanical Gardens in Paris. He also used images from a drawing book of his daughter.

He painted each colour one by one - firstly the blues and then the greens and so on - and painted from top to bottom. When Rousseau painted jungles, he sometimes used more than 50 shades of green.
https://youtu.be/Vm6EqBp5cfl
Lets watch a video

Home learning - if you can't view the video Follow the slides for a step by step guide.


## Magic Mixing



Mixing colours

## Discuss with a friend what happens

When you add white to a colour?
When you add black to a colour?
In the video the artist used a lighter blue (turquoise) darker blue, yellow and red at the end.

What happened when yellow and blue were blended together on the paper?
What special painting method did the artist mention in the video?
(Go to the next slide to find out if you were right)

## Painting method

The artist used a dip method

Remember
Do Not stir the paint, only dip, dip, dip.
The colours are blended together on the page.

## Step 1 - Items you will need

## You will need:

- A piece of card/paper
- Orange and yellow wax crayon - to create background
- A thick paintbrush and thin one/for painting a vine at the end
- Dark Blue paint, Light blue paint or turquoise, yellow paint, white paint, black paint and red paint.
- Paint pots/containers
- Newspaper to cover table
- Apron
- Please note if you do not have any of these items be creative with other things such as chalk, pencils, and watercolours.


## Step 2 - Creating the background

Take a piece of card and place it on the table.

With a yellow and orange crayon create a stripy background like the picture.

It works better if you use the side of the crayon to create a different texture.

Step 3 - Getting Ready



Put on your apron


Place your background sheet on top of your table.


Collect a thick paintbrush. A thinner brush will be needed for painting a vine leaf at the end.


Organise your paints - black, white, turquoise blue and yellow,
You will only need red for one leaft at the end. An empty egg box could be used for this if you don't have enough pots or yogurt pots.

Now your are ready to begin
You can replay the video and press stop and pause, or follow the slides to remind you about the different leafs.

Step 4 - Using the dip method


Step 5 - Different techniques using a paintbrush

When using the paintbrush if you hardly touch the paper, you will get a point at the end of your leaf.


If you push down hard with your paintbrush and use long brush strokes downwards it becomes wider.


## Step 6 - Sgraffito

Flip your brush to draw some marks in the wet paint.

This is called a sgraffito technique, it is an Italian word meaning 'scratched'

A technique used to remove the top layer (green paint) by scratching. This reveals the underneath layer (in this case your background colour).


## Step 7 - Rotate the page and create and new leaf






Step 10 - Dip into the black

Flip the page around


Painting a
new leaf

Step 11 - Dip into the yellow



Flip the page around
the paintbrush end to make some lines.


Step 12 - Dip into the blue add a little bit of black.

Flip the page around
 use your paintbrush end to make some lines.


## Step 13 - Introducing red

Look around the room for
a new leaf to paint.


Remember to add some markings with the end of your paintbrush.
a vine leaf.


Step 14 - Including a vine

This time do not rotate your page.


Pick up a thinner paintbrush to make a vine. If you don't have a thinner brush press very lightly.


First do a blue and yellow dip with your brush.


Draw a wiggly line across the page, almost like a tadpole from the middle to the corner. Go over the line several times.



Dip brush into the white paint and go back over the leaves.


Now leave your painting to dry.

I hope you had lots of fun. We look forward to seeing all of your creations. Here is one I made earlier.


Painted by Mrs Harrod

