

# Procreate

## Lesson 1

In this first lesson we will learn the basic tools needed to start painting on your iPad.

This is the step by step instructions that follow what we did in our online class.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at [carolinemustard04@gmail.com](mailto:carolinemustard04@gmail.com). My cell number should you need it to share a painting or for a last minute alert is 650 289-8148. As I now have almost 50 online students, please try not to overuse the one on one communication, but know i am always there to help you.

Also, should you find yourself unable to connect for some reason, let me know and I will plug you into the night class I am doing starting Monday, April 6th at 7 o'clock. This is the exact same class.

### **Lesson 1A: Canvas, brush and color**

#### Open a canvas

1. Tap Procreate app to open onto the GALLERY
2. Tap the plus + icon top right
3. Read down the menu of different canvas sizes and select SCREEN SIZE (one on the top)
4. When it opens, immediately pinch canvas so you make it a bit smaller and can see the edges of the canvas. ALWAYS DO THIS WHEN OPENING A NEW CANVAS/

#### Toolbars

1. The top toolbar shows icons on the right and on the left. We will concentrate on the icons on the right first.

#### Select a brush

1. Tap the brush icon on the top toolbar (right side, far left)
2. Notice there are many different TYPES of tools listed on the left. Tap PAINTING
3. Tap **ROUND BRUSH**.  
*NOTE: If you tap round brush a second time the screen changes to show specifics about the brush so you can make changes. DO NOT MAKE CHANGES AT THIS TIME. Instead tap DONE and it will return to the menu.*

## Select a color

1. Tap the color picker at the far right (circle with color in it).
2. Look at the bottom of the color menu and tap **CLASSIC** at the bottom of the color menu window next to DISC and you will see your color displayed in a box with three sliders
3. Move the top slider to the FAR LEFT which is RED
4. Move the second and third sliders to the FAR RIGHT which will give you a pure red in the window and the color circle at the top left f. To close the color window just touch the screen

## Use the side sliders

1. Move both sliders to the top
2. Draw a line on the canvas
3. Move the top slider downwards to half way
4. Draw another line on the canvas and notice it is thinner meaning the TOP SLIDER
5. ADJUST THE SIZE OF YOUR BRUSH
6. Move the top slider back to the top
7. Move the lower slider to half way down
8. Draw a line Notice the line is transparent. This is because the lower slider adjusts OPACITY and is called the OPACITY SLIDER

## Undo/redo

1. Tap the back arrow under the sliders to undo a step. You can undo every step except the color and brush you selected.
2. Tap the forward arrow to recreate the steps.
3. NOTE: Another way to do this is to use a two-finger tap on the screen to UNDO and a three-finger tap to REDO. Practice this.

## Draw a straight line

1. Repeat SELECT A COLOR and select BLUE
2. Now draw a vertical line in blue but this time keep your finger or stylus on the canvas until it straightens out. This is a feature of Procreate that allows you to draw straight lines.
3. *NOTE: If you find you have to keep your finger on for a long time before it straightens out and would like it to go faster, you can adjust your iPad settings. If this is necessary at this point, email me as I do not want to jump into too many complexities at this point.*
4. Repeat this step with YELLOW on your brush
  - a. Tap the color picker and move the hue slider to yellow and ensure the other two sliders are way over to the right.
  - b. Draw yellow lines over the blue and red, using the opacity slider to make the yellow more or less transparent which will create additional colors!

## Eye dropper

1. When you have created some different colors on your canvas, tap the hold one of the colors and notice it instantly will appear in your color picker and you can now paint with it.
2. Practice this until it is easy to do.
3. Another way to do this is to tap the square between the two side sliders and a circle will appear that you can move over the color you want to capture and it will now appear in the color picker and you can paint with it.
4. Save your canvas by tapping **Gallery**.
5. Once you have saved to the gallery it will show up as an **untitled canvas**. Tap **Untitled Canvas** and rename it Lesson 1(a)

## Lesson 1B: Eraser and background color

1. Open a new canvas. (Screen Size again)
2. Pinch it to make it smaller so you can see the background drawing table underneath.
3. Select a color and you can this time select any of the brushes in your brush menu to try them out and get your canvas covered with colors.

## Eraser

4. Once you have covered your canvas with colors, tap the middle ERASER icon
5. Note it has the same options as the brush menu and you can erase in any of these brush shapes and textures. I usually set my eraser to acrylic brush in PAINTING, but for this exercise we want to see something a bit more dramatic so do this:
6. Select TEXTURES and VICTORIAN brush
7. Use this to erase through the color you painted. Notice it reveals the background color which at this point will be white. But...YOU CAN CHANGE THAT AT ANY TIME DURING A PAINTING! Here's how

## Change Background Color

8. Tap the **LAYERS** icon (next to the color picker)
9. Tap BACKGROUND COLOR. NOTE: this adjusts the color of the background ONLY and is NOT related to the other color picker which adjusts color for your brush. Think of this as PAPER and selecting a different color for your paper. The only difference is that you can change the color of your paper at any time.
10. Tap CLASSIC at the bottom of the color picker window.
11. Move the second and third sliders to the far right.
12. Now move the hue slider at the top and note the hue of the background changes
13. Now move the second slider to the right and note the color gets lighter and lighter. This is the SATURATION SLIDER
14. Do the same with the bottom slider and note it gets darker and darker. This is the brightness slider. Using these two sliders you can create endless tones and tints and shades of the hue to arrive at your desired background color.
15. Remember you can change this at any point, even after saving the canvas and reopening it.
16. Close the canvas by tapping GALLERY/
17. Rename the canvas "Lesson 1B"

## Lesson 1C: Smudge brushes

1. Open a new canvas.
2. Pinch to make it smaller.
3. Again cover the canvas with color

4. This time tap the SMUDGE (between the brush and eraser)
5. Select the brush you want to use to smudge and start experimenting. I recommend you start with the acrylic brush in the painting section of your brush menu.
6. You can make the brush smaller by moving the top slider and lessen the pressure by moving the bottom slider. NOTE: There is no color added by the smudge brush. It is like using your fingers or a knife to smudge paint.
7. When you are done, save the lesson to the Gallery
8. Rename the lesson Lesson 1(c)

## **Homework**

I recommend you get your iPad out every day and do one of these lessons over again or, if you feel like it, just play with different brushes and colors and so forth. Experiment with the moves you have learned so far. I recommend NOT trying out the tools to the left as you have not yet learned them, but you will later in the class. It's easier if you get really good with what you have learned to use so far.

Daily practice makes it easier and easier to master drawing and painting on your iPad. It is difficult at first, but with practice it becomes second nature.

Please experiment with different brushes and color combinations and so forth and....HAVE FUN

See you next week!