

**Whimsical Birdhouse Village Painting**

**What you will need:**

- Sketchpad paper
- Five colours of craft paints (watercolour as an alternative)
- White craft paint or a very light colour
- Three sizes of flat brushes (3/4, 1/2, 1/4")
- Thin black sharpie marker
- Container of water and paper towel
- Thin round brush or flat toothpicks
- Newspaper or plastic cloth for your working area



**Note:** *Cleaning the brushes between each colour is important to keep the colours vibrant. Wipe off excess water.*



**Simple Art in Four Steps**

1. Start with your widest brush and one colour to paint three random blocks in a rectangle shape. Go to your second size brush with another colour and paint three more random blocks on your paper. These blocks can be vertical or horizontal. Now use your smallest brush and one new colour to make three more random blocks. These blocks can also be vertical or horizontal.



With clean brushes, start the process again with the widest brush and a different colour and paint two more blocks in a rectangle shape. Go to your second size brush with another colour and paint two more blocks on paper. Now use your smallest brush and one colour to make three more random blocks. Let it dry. Now take a look at your paper and see if any small blocks of paint are needed to help with the balance of colour.

2. With your 1/4" brush, start painting roofs on the blocks of colours in a complimentary colour. Complimentary means colours opposite each other on the [colour wheel](#). Paint a different colour roof for each house and clean the brush between colours. *Painting traditional and nontraditional shaped roofs will make the picture look more whimsical.*



3. Now with the small round brush, paint the shapes for doors and windows in these blocks of paint. The doors and windows all have to be the same colour. If you do not have white paint, use light beige or even a pale yellow colour. *Note: If you do not have a small round brush for the white paint, use the flat end of a toothpick for spreading the paint.*



4. Finally, with your thick black sharpie, add details to the doors and windows. Add a few flower boxes or front door steps here and there. You can choose to outline your house and roofs too.

You can create a second painting using watercolours for the blocks of colour and white craft paint for the doors and windows. Use a thin black sharpie for details.

