

PAINTING SNOW-COVERED EVERGREENS
EVA'S WATERCOLOR TIPS & TRICKS
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Step 1: Draw in your evergreens with light pencil lines.

Step 2: With masking fluid cover the areas that are going to be the snow on the branches of your evergreens. (When applying masking fluid make sure you use an old brush, and dip the brush in soapy water, before dipping into the masking fluid to avoid ruining your brush.)

Step 3: When the masking fluid is completely dry paint in your background.

Step 4: With a mixture of Indigo, Burnt Sienna and French Ultramarine Blue paint in the twigs on the evergreens that protrude from the snow on the branches. Make sure to vary your color as you go, to make it more interesting and 3-dimensional.

Step 5: Paint in the trunk where it is visible with a dark color mixed from Burnt Sienna and French Ultramarine Blue.

Step 6: When the paint is completely dry, remove the masking fluid with your finger or a rubber cement eraser.

Step 7: Adjust the snow edges as needed with the color mix you used to paint in the protruding twigs.

Step 8: With a pale mixture of Cobalt Blue and Opera Rose or Permanent Rose paint in the shadows on the snow. Pay attention to where your light is coming from, and paint in shadows from branches above and on the edges of the snow where it meets the dark twigs. (Instead of Cobalt Blue you can use French Ultramarine Blue.)

Step 9: with the same pale snow-shadow mixture paint in shadows in the snow below and behind your trees as needed to give the snow some dimension in your painting.

