# Mastering Digital Painting

This playbook outlines a procedure for mastering advanced digital painting techniques. It encompasses the use of various brushes, textures, and methods to create realistic and compelling digital artwork.

### Step 1: Setup Workspace

Prepare your digital canvas by selecting the appropriate software, canvas size, resolution, and color profile for the artwork you intend to create.

### Step 2: Gather Resources

Collect various brushes, textures, and reference images that you might need for the painting. Organize them within your software for easy access.

### Step 3: Sketching

Create a basic sketch of your artwork using a standard brush to lay down the composition and main elements of your painting.

### Step 4: Blocking Colors

Start blocking in the major colors and shapes with larger brushes. This is the foundation upon which you will build more details.

### Step 5: Detailing

Switch to smaller brushes and begin adding details to your painting. Focus on areas that require fine attention such as facial features, textures, and lighting effects.

### Step 6: Texture Application

Integrate textures into your painting to create realism. Use layer masks and blending modes to control the intensity and placement of these textures.

### Step 7: Color Correction

Adjust the colors for harmony and mood. You may use adjustment layers to tweak contrasts, saturation, and hue without permanently altering your painting.

### Step 8: Final Touches

Add any final touches such as highlights, glows, or sharpening to enhance the overall impact of your artwork.

### Step 9: Evaluation

Take a step back to review your work. Compare it to your reference images if used. Adjust any elements that may stand out or need refinement.

### Step 10: Export

Once satisfied with the piece, export your digital painting in the desired format ensuring it is optimized for your intended use (e.g., web, print).

## General Notes

### Software Choice

The choice of digital painting software can significantly affect your workflow and the tools available to you. Popular options include Adobe Photoshop, Corel Painter, and Procreate.

### Regular Breaks

Taking regular breaks during your painting process can help maintain a fresh perspective on your work and reduce the likelihood of fatigue.

### Continuous Learning

Digital painting is a rapidly evolving field. Continually learning about new techniques and tools is beneficial.