

# MIDNIGHT BLOOMS

A bold, beginner-friendly floral painting with loose brushstrokes, layered pink flowers, and simple greenery.

*Relax, have fun, and enjoy the process!* 



## COLOURS USED



Midnight Blue



Leaf Green



White



Red



Pink

## BRUSHES & TOOLS

- 1" flat brush
- 1/4" flat brush
- Detail brush

*You don't need anything else!*

### 1 PAINT THE BACKGROUND



- Using your 1" flat brush, paint the entire canvas with Midnight Blue.
- Let the paint dry slightly.

**TIP:**

Brush in the same direction for a smoother finish.

### 2 ADD THE FLOWER BASE



- Using white paint and your 1/4" flat brush, paint loose circular shapes where you want your flowers.
- Vary the size and placement.

**TIP:**

Use big, painterly strokes. Imperfect is beautiful!

### 3 BUILD THE FLOWERS (LIGHT, MEDIUM, DARK)



- Mix a range of pink tones using white, pink, and red.
- Layer curved brushstrokes over each flower.
- Think "C" shapes (forward & backward), loose circular motions, and slightly oval or oblong shapes — not perfect circles.
- Light pink = highlights    • Medium pink = petals    • Red/dark pink = depth
- Add darker strokes toward the center, then highlight edges with light pink or white.

**TIP:** Don't outline petals. Let the layered strokes build the shape naturally.

### 4 LEAVES & STEMS



- Using Leaf Green and your 1/4" flat brush, paint stems coming down from the flowers.
- Press, pull, lift to create simple leaf shapes.
- Add leaves where it feels balanced.
- Use detail brush for thinner stems or accents.
- Add depth: darker green on one side, lighter green or white on the other.

**TIP:** For straighter stems, move your whole arm instead of just your wrist.

### 5 VASE & REFLECTION



- Using white and your detail brush, add a few loose curved lines at the bottom to suggest the vase.
- For a soft reflection, repeat a few flower strokes below the bouquet. Keep them light, soft, and broken.
- Add a touch of white for a subtle glow.

**TIP:** A few light strokes will look more natural than trying to mirror everything.

### 6 DETAILS & FINISHING LAYERS



- Add small white dots around the bouquet.
- Add extra highlights to flowers with light pink or white.
- Layer darker stem lines with your detail brush.
- Dry brush a touch of blue or white around the flowers for a soft glow.

**TIP:** Step back and adjust anything you'd like — more contrast, more leaves, or brighter highlights.

## A FINAL NOTE

There's no right or wrong way to paint these flowers. Your brushstrokes, colour choices, and little imperfections are what make your painting uniquely yours. Be proud of what you created today!

*The secret to creating art... is creating art.* 

