

Inky panda

You can use a brush and ink to do simple paintings of animals. Using watery and strong shades of two colours can give a striking effect. Use a soft brush with a pointed tip for this type of picture.

Using inks

Coloured inks come in bottles or cartridges. You can cut off the end of a cartridge and squeeze the ink onto a saucer.

Use ink straight from the bottle or cartridge for a strong shade.



Dab lots of water onto a saucer, then dab a little ink into it to mix a pale shade.

Ink is very runny. Dip your brush in the ink, then dab it on a paper towel before painting, so it doesn't drip.

Rinse your brush well and dry it before using a different colour.



1. Mix watery black ink. Paint the panda's head and body, using a smooth, flowing line. Leave it to dry.



3. Use undiluted black ink on the very tip of your brush to paint little, round eyes and a nose. Leave them to dry.



1. Mix watery green ink and paint a section of bamboo stem. Paint sections above it, leaving gaps between them.



Make the paws shaggy around the edges.

2. Use undiluted black ink to paint the ears. Paint a stripe over the chest, then add the arms and legs. Let them dry.



The patches slope outwards at the bottom.

4. Paint the panda's eye patches in undiluted black ink. Leave a little white circle around each eye.



Let the stems dry before adding the leaves in undiluted ink.

2. Use one brush stroke for each leaf. Press lightly with the tip of the brush, then press harder, and then lightly again.



The joints on the stems were painted in undiluted ink when the stems were dry.

The grass was painted in the same way as the leaves.