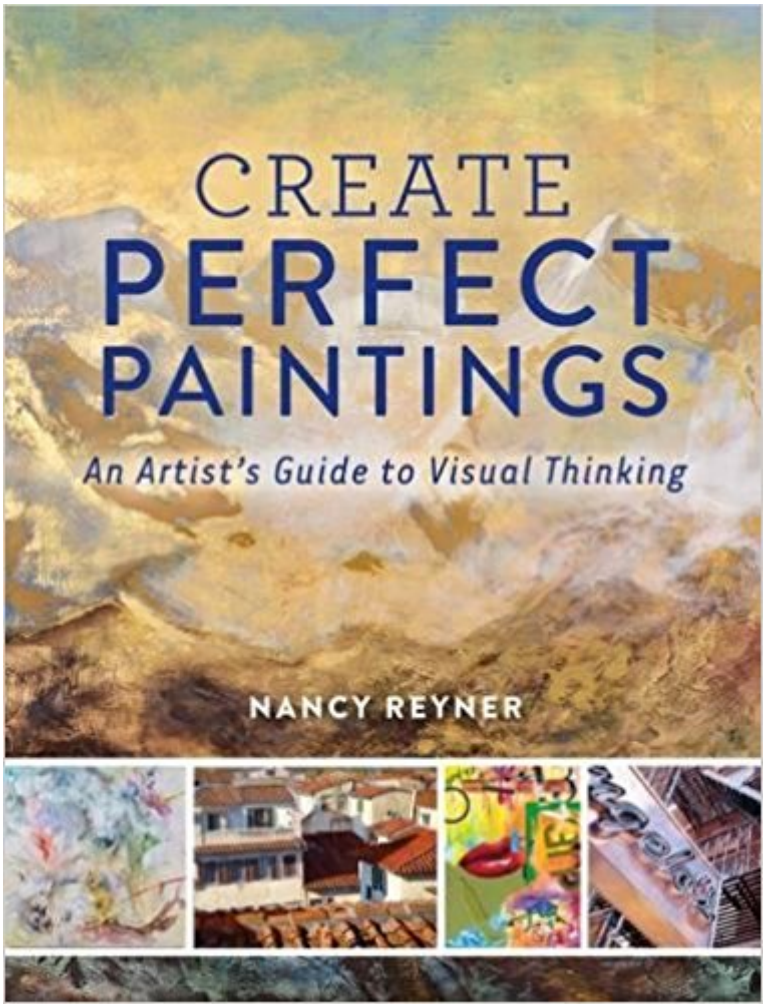
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Create Perfect Paintings: An Artist's Guide To Visual Thinking



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Synopsis

The Ultimate Resource and Reference Guide for Artists! Discover an innovative self-critique method that will empower you to answer the artist's most common questions, Now What? and Is it Finished? as you learn to identify and overcome painting issues faced by artists regardless of medium or style. With hundreds of insights, tips, illustrated techniques and ideas, Create Perfect Paintings shows you how to push your work to the next level by strengthening your perception, technical skills and visual thinking. Exercises and examples illustrate how to critique your own creations and then evaluate them step by step for further improvement. You will compare illustrations, and learn to identify and modify artistic choices--from negative space and color ratio to controlling eye movement, depth and contrast--to see their impact and help you use them to the best effect in your work. What you'll find inside:Section 1: Essentials--Reviews and defines artistic terms and concepts.Section 2: Play Phase--Shows you how to tap into your right brain. Learn to challenge the process and break habits to free your spirit and inspire variety in your art; also covers materials, tools and surfacesSection 3: Critique Phase--Introduces a groundbreaking method of contemporary critique called The Viewing Game a comprehensive, systematic and fun way to analyze, edit and enhance your paintings.Sections 4 and 5--Bonus sections explore how to resolve creative blocks, convey artistic messages, boost your personal style, display your work and turn painting into a career."May this book increase your productivity, add ease and flow to your creative process, clarify your ideas, add nuance to your personal style, and most importantly, add joy to the miraculous act of painting." --Nancy Reyner

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For Nancy Reyner, art is more than a profession, even more than a passion. For this accomplished painter, author, teacher and designer, itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s both a way of life and a way of looking at the world, of observing not just the physical matter that attracts our attention but also, more importantly, what emerges from the elusive spaces in between. She uses this outlook to create luminous, otherworldly paintings that hover between pure abstraction and realistic landscape. This unique vision enables her to teach artists of all levels of experience, and working in any style. Born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, Nancy received her BFA from Rhode Island School of Design, an MFA from Columbia University, and now resides in Santa Fe, NM. Nancy has appeared on television for HGTV, written several books on painting, and produced many instructional DVDs. Visit her website at nancyreyner.com.

Nancy is one of the best instructors out there ! Her techniques are supported by pictures and step by step suggestions. This book is a bit different from her other books, in that this book talks about what it takes to make a good piece of art , while her other books are chockfull of different techniques to try with your art. This book is about composition, color, value, center of interest , backgrounds and more . Coming from Nancy Reyer, the information is given from a high level of knowledge and you can’t go wrong with this book , whether you are a beginner or advanced !

This book gives tons of practical tips that assist in evaluating a painting and solving its problems. For example: Why does the lower left quadrant fall flat? Why is this color not working? What can I do about it? Is it finished? I really appreciate the tons of sample paintings that illustrate the concepts. Create Perfect Paintings makes clear those ideas we may perceive intuitively but for which we may not have a rationale. It also articulates visual ideas that I had never considered. One of Nancy ReynerÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s many gifts is formulating, articulating, and illustrating visual concepts that, for most of us, are difficult to put into words. The book is well-organized and easy for anyone to follow. I have found all of NancyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s books on acrylic painting beneficial, but this one offers guidance that can really take one’s work to the next level. Thank you, Nancy.

While I am enjoying the book (I got a Kindle sample before I actually ordered the book), the print is ridiculously small, like fine print in a legal document! I wear readers normally with no problem, but it’s trying for me to read this print. I just wanted to mention this so others would know. I wish I’d have gotten the entire book with Kindle now. It costs less, too.

This book is such a welcome change from all of the other art books out there ! Nancy delves deeper into the mysteries of producing a great painting. It is a solid intermediate level aid for all of us who can get stuck at a certain phase, not knowing where to go next. I love it and will refer to it again and again.

I read Nancy's book from cover to cover and couldn't wait to get into my studio. I'm an experienced painter and like most sometimes get stuck and just don't know why. This helps you figure out why. I 'fixed' a painting in less than an hour, one that I've been struggling with for almost a year. The book is well laid out and the examples are perfect. Being a visual learner, having the pictures support telling the story really help. Read every word and keep it as your most important reference. The section on color mixing helped me understand why sometimes I just end up with mud. Now I get perfect color every time. I made a copy of the Critique Check List and have it hanging on my easel.

I am thrilled, I just received Nancy Reyner's new book: "Create Perfect Paintings" and I couldn't put it down. I read it cover to cover and am excited to get back in the studio painting. Nancy is not only loading her book with marvelous visual examples, that stimulate and inspire, but her narrative is informative, helpful and playful. Beyond being a wonderful tool for creating, I love that Nancy has included encouraging quotes andtid bits of wisdom...I highly recommend this book, both artistic and mystic!

This book has become an everyday companion in my art studio. Nancy's insights herein allow me to quickly snap out of the negative criticism phase to quickly resume into meaningful work. It is a road map to common mistakes which, invariably, are simply repeated unless our eyes are trained to look for them. Her book also translates in narrative what our left brain does to dull out our paintings where in fact, most of us paint to convey emotions. I now understand why I am drawn to certain paintings while others leave me cold. I now know what to do to trigger emotions and sustain long lasting viewing to my artwork. This book is truly a masterpiece for emerging and not so emerging painters alike no matter what your inspirational style may be. A definite must have in all art studios. Thank you Nancy for your generosity in sharing these valuable tips, it raises the bar for the entire profession.

Create Perfect Paintings is an invaluable guide for artists at all levels. Nancy Reyner does an exceptional job of defining what makes a painting "good" and her innovative techniques for objective

self-critique are effective and inspiring. I especially resonated with the section called The Viewing Game. In this section, Reyner provides simple yet profound tools for those seeking to improve the quality of their paintings and/or their appreciation of two dimensional art. Filled with clear examples, effective exercises, and thought provoking ideas, this book is a must read for any artist aspiring to improve.

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