

Dark Skin In Art

Introduction:

Hello everyone, I initially shared this as a Twitter thread in 2020, and I am updating it to include newer guides and resources. I will attempt to ensure that everything is up to date and thorough. This list will be continually updated to the best of my ability. Please be patient with me as I attempt to upkeep this document.

Oil Painting:

Resources for painting dark skin in oil painting.

- A. [Darkskin Oil Painting Tutorial](#)
- B. [COLOR THEORY - How to Paint Dark Skin Tones - Oil Painting Tutorial with Demonstration](#)
- C. [How to Paint Dark Skin Tones from Life in Oil Demo](#)
- D. [How to paint skin tones in a dark-complexion portrait. Portrait painting by Ben Lustenhauer.](#)
- E. [Oil Painting Portrait Time-Lapse Process Tutorial \(1 hour\) || Dark Skin Tones](#)
- F. [How to MIX Dark Skin Colors - Zorn's Palette - Full Demonstration](#)
- G. [Painting Darker Skin Tones - The ESSENTIAL Guide.](#)

- H. [Paint Portraits FASTER using the Alla Prima Method. David Kassan](#)
- I. [Do's and Don'ts of Skin Tones Painting | How To Paint Skin](#)
- J. [How to Mix SKIN TONES with Oil Paint: ONE Tube Color + B&W](#)

Digital Art:

Resources for digital art

- A. [Don't Be Afraid of Rendering Dark Skin](#)
- B. [Painting Dark Skin Tones](#)
- C. [Anatomy Quick Tips: Skin](#)
- D. [HOW I PAINT DARK SKIN](#) 🧑‍🎨 ✨
- E. [How to Paint Dark Skin Color \(with Photoshop or Procreate\)](#)
- F. [DIGITAL PAINTING TUTORIAL- Darker Skin Tones](#)
- G. [Amazon.com: How to Draw Black People: Volume 1, 2nd edition \(Shabazz Arts: Learning\)](#)
- H. [Guiding Your Own Research! – @creatingblackcharacters on Tumblr](#)
- I. <https://www.tumblr.com/creatingblackcharacters>
- J. [how to pick your BLACK HAIRSTYLES for your OCs!](#)
- K. [How I draw Black Hairstyles! \[updated\]](#) 🖌️ ☆
- L. [Anatomy Quick Tips: Hair](#)
- M. [How to Draw Hair ANY HAIRSTYLES!](#)
- N. <https://byvegalia.gumroad.com/>
- O. [Creating Stylized Afro Hair in zBrush \(Tips & Tricks from Danny Williams\)](#)
- P. <https://afrohairlibrary.org/models/>
- Q. https://x.com/ShibaLee_/status/1553933230360887296

- R. <https://tianamulan.tumblr.com/post/116483577100/hello-graphic-makers-youre-probably-aware-that>
- S. <https://nsk96.tumblr.com/post/653999716668948480/do-you-have-any-tips-on-how-to-color-the-light>
- T. <https://www.nilahmagruder.com/blog/2021/08/13/lighting-dark-skin/>
- U. <https://x.com/SDragonhead/status/1621229657491386368>
- V. <https://6480n.tumblr.com/post/633074808569069568/making-this-guide-because-i-see-this-question-time>
- W. <https://sabertoothwalrus.tumblr.com/post/750667453406789632/tolstoyevskywrites-important-ideas-to-consider>
- X. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdlzWWJtAK0>

Avoiding Racist Caricature:

- A. <https://www.tumblr.com/art-write-ref/182402995263/how-do-you-do-stylized-poc-without-it-looking>
- B. <https://sabertoothwalrus.tumblr.com/post/169677154397/hey-im-gonna-break-down-how-to-draw-a>
- C. <https://www.tumblr.com/heavenly67/808365503226757120?source=share>
- D. <https://www.tumblr.com/blackfilmmakers/675831339955650560/is-there-anyway-to-criticize-a-black-character>
- E. [The Sassy Black Woman Trope | Infodump](#)
- F. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/psychology-for-the-people/202309/how-the-anxious-minority-trope-gaslights-people-of-color>

Markers and Color Pencils

- A. [How to Draw Black People with Copics/Alcohol Based Markers](#)
- B. [How to Draw Black People Part 5 | Nose and Lips | ART TUTORIAL](#)
- C. [EASY...Drawing Dark Skin-Tone! Colored Pencil Realistic Portrait Drawing Tutorial!](#)
- D. [How I Color Skin + Makeup \(Markers & Colored Pencils \)](#)
- E. [How to Draw Skin Tones with Colored Pencils: Step-by-Step Tutorial with Color Names](#)
- F. [Glowing Dark Skin Tone Study in Pastel Pencil on Pastelmat](#)
- G. [Drawing Dark Skin with Colored Pencils and Pan Pastels](#)
- H. [Drawing a REALISTIC PORTRAIT with Arteza Everblend Skin Tone Markers | Dark skin drawing tutorial](#)
- I. [DRAWING SKIN TONES WITH COLORED PENCILS | Color Guide](#)
- J. [DRAWING SKIN WITH COLORED PENCILS - How to Pick Skin Colors](#)
- K. [Drawing Dark Skin with Colored Pencils and Pan Pastels](#)
- L. [How to draw dark skin tones using color pencils :\)](#)

Watercolor and Gouache

- A. [How to mix dark skin tones with watercolor- tutorial for beginners](#)
- B. [Painting Dark Skin Tones | Watercolor Lessons | Advanced](#)
- C. [DARK SKIN TONES IN WATERCOLOR - How To Paint Darker Skintones In Watercolor Realistically \(my way\)](#)
- D. [Black Skin Tones with Watercolor](#)
- E. [Painting Dark Skin Tones | Turner Acryl Gouache](#)

- F. [New gouache, New Brushes, & New Techniques!](#)
- G. [5 Tips For Painting Skin Tones for Portraits in Watercolor](#)

Literature

- A. <https://www.tumblr.com/writingwithcolor/733750740669104128/non-offensive-historical-terms-for-black-people-in?source=share>
- B. <https://writingwithcolor.com/post/113627509260/words-to-describe-hair>
- C. <http://carmenkynard.org/tag/african-american-womens-head-scarves/>
- D. <https://writingwithcolor.com/post/116481617886/how-do-you-feel-about-describing-black-hair-as>
- E. <https://writingwithcolor.com/post/108001408138/hi-i-was-trying-to-write-about-a-character-whos>
- F. <https://writingwithcolor.com/post/96830966357/words-for-skin-tone-how-to-describe-skin-color>
- G. <https://writingwithcolor.com/post/133226359329/ive-seen-the-word-swarthy-used-to-describe-a>
- H. <https://writingwithcolor.com/post/121695544649/we-recently-received-a-message-asking-why-the-word>
- I. <https://writingwithcolor.com/post/97608811099/ive-seen-the-word-nappy-often-used-in-regard-to>
- J. <https://writingwithcolor.com/post/95955707903/skin-writing-with-color-has-received-several>