



English Cottage in Watercolor with Flower Garden

Learn how to do a **graded wash** – going smoothly from one color to another or from light to dark, for foliage and the roof.

Step 1 – Paint the sky and background trees, wet on wet.

- **Wet** the sky area down to the ground on right side.
- **Sky** - Mix a puddle of light blue and paint the sky light blue at the top, getting lighter as you go down.
- **Mix green** – left over blue plus yellow or gold
- **Mix dark green** – Perylene green or mix your own
- **Far away trees on right** – Paint the far away trees on the right, using green with a little brown, starting at the ground line and working up.
- **Left side trees** – Paint the trees lighter on the right side and getting darker as you work down. Go around the roof and chimney. Add leafy edges to the bottom, not a straight line.

Step 2 – Green Graded Wash con't.

- Paint the bottom green section on the left side of the house with a graded wash and the bush in the front right – lighter and more yellow at the top, darker green at the bottom.



Step 3 – House

- Mix gray (blue + brown or orange).
- Side of the house is light gray and add dark shadows where you see them.
- Field beside the house is yellow green.
- Windows are gold/orange, with dark brown around the 2 side windows and lines of dark brown

on the top and left side of the 2 front windows.

- Add a shadow to the left side of the door.
- Paint the stone wall darker gray, add a line of dark brown under the flowers in front of the house/wall.

Step 4 – Roof and Door

- Door – any color you like

- Roof – mix a big puddle of brown and smaller puddle of dark brown or dark gray.
- Side of the roof - brown.
- Left side of the roof – brown with a shadow by the chimney.
- Right side – big brush – brown 2/3 down and dark on the bottom 1/3

Step 5 - More Gray

- Stone arch and steps – medium gray
- Walkway – very light gray
- Chimney – light gray on front and darker on right side
- Shadow under left eave
- Shadow line on left side of stone arch
- Wall – outline some stone shapes with gray.



Step 6 – Garden – flowers with skippers

- Tree left side – graded wash light to dark
- Roses around door and window – small brush – masses of red and when dry, add green
- Yellow flowers – add 3 areas of yellow flowers
- Hollyhocks on left – red or pink circles
- Red mass on left with skippers
- Blue or purple flowers – 3 masses
- Greenery – fill in areas of green in the values and shades you see.

Finishing – ink pen or opaque white.

