

A LESSON IN DRAWING

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An iris is a beautiful showy perennial, which means that it lives for more than 2 years. There are more than 300 species of Irises. It gets it's name from the Greek work for "rainbow".

The three upright petals of the Iris are said to represent faith, valor and wisdom.

The word iridescence is derived from the Iris.

The quality of iridescence refers to a shifting of color with slight movement.

Irises come in amazing color variations, hues and variegations.

From different angles, an iris seems to glisten with color.

**Please use a dedicated sketchbook or gather papers together in a folder that you can use just for your at home art projects.

LESSON: Your task is to draw and color an iris flower in a realistic style. Remember to identify the types of lines you are drawing (straight, curved, angled, dot, circle) Begin with what is in front first. Save the details for last.

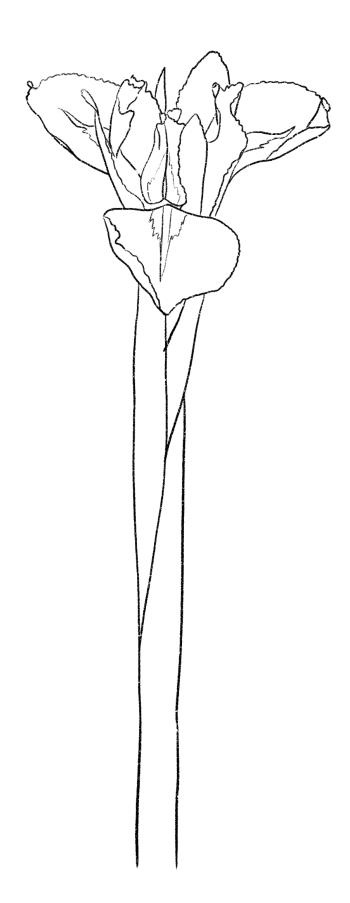
Follow along with the video demonstration and complete that project first, then you may choose any of the irises you see in the photos, find your own photo in a book or even look outside and draw an iris that might be blooming in your yard!

Make sure to add in a realistic background, using your reference photos or your imagination.

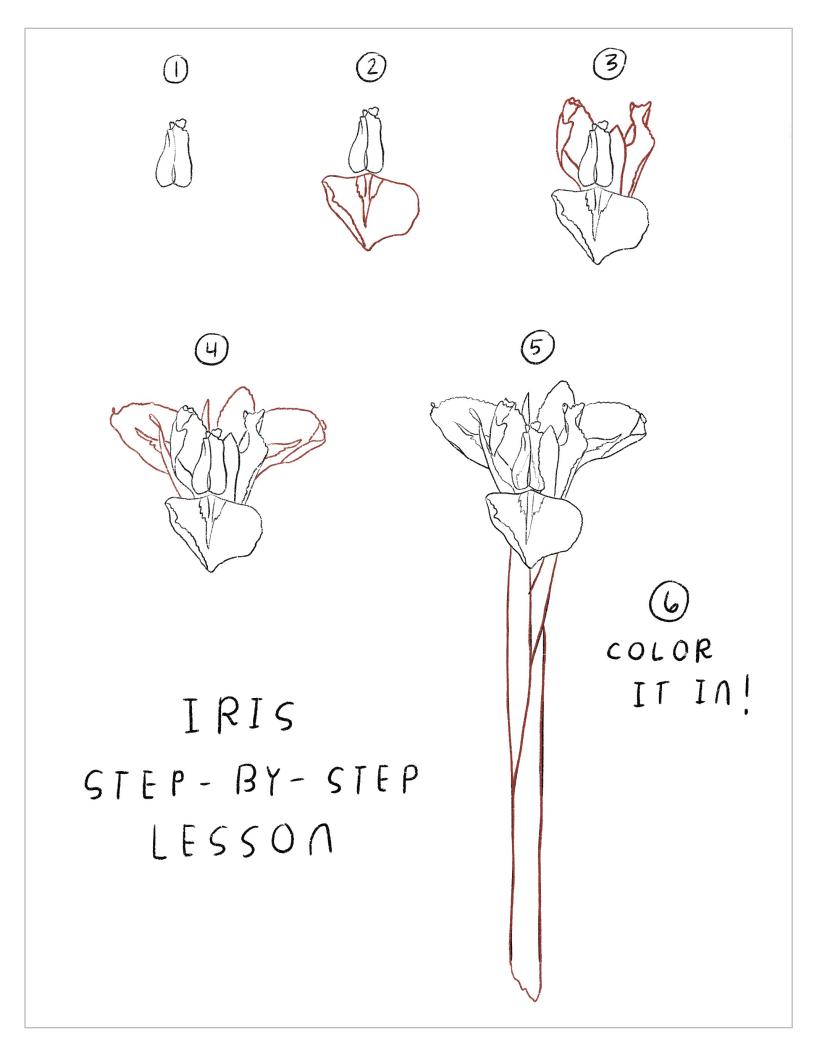
Choose your coloring tools based on what you have available. This project can be done nicely with watercolors, colored pencils, markers or crayons. You can also layer your media: colored pencil on top of watercolor or colored pencil on top of marker.

Follow the step - by - step instructions.

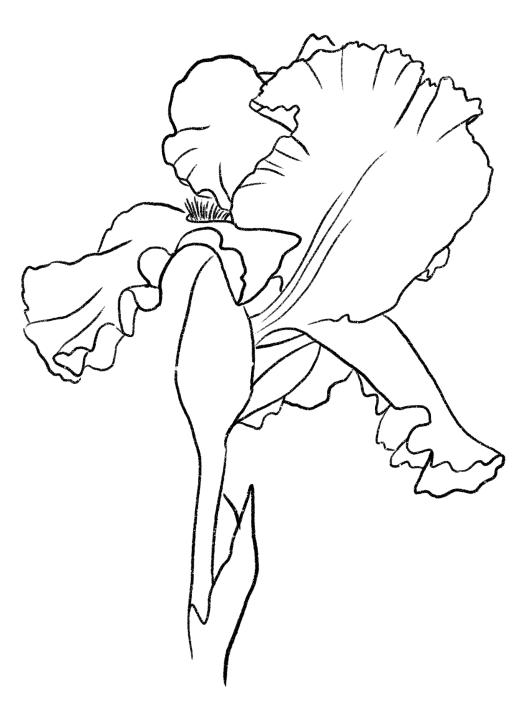
There is no video for this lesson.



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