

# Art Supply House

FEBRUARY

## TIP OF THE MONTH BRUSHES!

Choosing the right brush can be difficult for many painters, but we have a guide to help keep the decision simple. There are five basic types of brush shapes: Flats, Brights, Filberts, Rounds and Fans. Flats can be used on their sides for broad strokes, or on their edge for fine lines. The bright is basically the flat with shorter fibers, used for making more controlled or dabbing strokes. The filbert is ideal for hard-edged straight strokes, or curved lines. It's fluidity and versatility make it one of the most popular brush styles. The Round is perhaps the oldest type of brush, preferred for sketching with paint, making thin or broad strokes, detail work or pointillism. Finally, the beautiful Fan brush can be used to create textures such as animal fur or blades of grass. However, it is probably most often used clean and dry for blending wet paint. As many painters feel their paintbrush is an extension of their hand, one should try all the different styles to find the one which serves them best.

**This month at the Art Supply House, consider surprising the artist in your life with a colorful *Brush and Floral Bouquet*, arranged in Winsor Newton's ceramic brush vase.**

Be sure to place your order by the 10th of February, to be picked up for Valentine's Day.

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