



*The paintings I'm working on above range from 8" x 8" to 16" by 20" and subjects range from ocean, trees and marshes to a portrait. Can you guess which is which (aside from the obvious oceans)? Check my Paintings in Progress page over the next few weeks if you'd like to see all of the stages and completed works.*

Dear

I have a lot of small oils started, more than usual, and it occurred to me to show them to you in their various stages of progress. The pic above is a little shadowy, but you get the idea, I'm sure.

I so often hear that my paintings look like photos, some people even asserting that I just put brushstrokes over photographic images (photographers do that), that I started a section on my website called Paintings in Progress to show all of the stages of my paintings, starting from scratch.

Above are the smallest canvases I have going right now. As you can see, what you see isn't what you get in the end. I work in glazes of colors, each of which dries before I go on to the next, building thin layers through which light will eventually refract and reveal planned undertones in the finished painting.

Each of the above will appear in the [Paintings in Progress](#) page as they are finished,

No matter how much goes into a piece, I think what is most important of all is the spirit with which it's created, that it's an honest expression from your own heart. It's that which guides the brush strokes and creates life in a painting and which I hope shines through all the brush strokes in my paintings.

Thank you very much for your interest in my work.

*John*

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