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# Airbrush Painting: Advanced Techniques (Motorbooks Workshop)



## Synopsis

Having only one airbrushing technique is like driving on only one road; it limits the places you can go. This book by famed custom painter JoAnn Bortles gives you the airbrushing tools to take your art just about anywhere. Taking up where she left off in her best-selling *How to Master Airbrush Painting Techniques*, Bortles outlines a full range of techniques and their applications. Her straightforward, clearly illustrated directions show you how to airbrush everything from backgrounds and murals to animal subjects and delicate human features on virtually any surface. Designing, drawing, painting from photographs; portraying natural and manmade landscapes; manipulating light and dark; painting airplanes, cars, and trucks; depicting birds and reptiles, animals and people in stylized and realistic ways: These are among the many techniques Bortles explains in direct, easy-to-follow terms. Her book is an ideal guide for airbrush painters seeking to expand their skills, and for readers of Bortles's earlier book who are hungry for more.

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Taking your basic airbrush painting skills to the next level will move your artwork from the ordinary to the extraordinary. The airbrush artist with the skills to create complicated murals, natural-looking surfaces, complex mechanical devices, and fantastic creatures will stand out at any show. JoAnn Bortles, award-winning artist and author, takes the basic skills presented in her earlier book, *How to Master Airbrush Painting Techniques*, and adds extra layers of complexity and fine detail. Through

her examples, learn how to paint natural surfaces like wood grains, feathers, scales, grasslands, and more. Learn the fine details of painting realistic faces, hands, feet, and other features. Paint cars, motorcycles, planes, and more with intricate mechanical detail. Add new effects to your nature paintings and other murals. Bortles explains the challenges and mistakes you'll encounter and how the professionals make it look easy. Whether your medium is motorcycles, cars, or T-shirts, *Airbrush Painting: Advanced Techniques* will take your skills to the expert realm.

JoAnn Bortles is a nationally recognized and award-winning custom painter. Her work has been featured in dozens of magazines, and she has written six books on custom painting techniques for Motorbooks, including the bestselling *How to Master Airbrush Painting Techniques*. She has won Best Paint of the Year four times since 2004, and has been featured on *The Today Show* and *PowerBlock's MuscleCar TV* show. She lives and works in Waxhaw, North Carolina, where she owns and operates her own custom painting shop, Crazy Horse Painting. Find her shop on Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/Z6KFf9On> or Twitter: @CrazyHorseFlame

Very informative for starting in airbrushing she is down to earth on how to do stuff and the simple ways to get the job done and beautifully.

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I use this with my high school students that I teach. Airbrush I and II profit from this book. Thank you again.

JoAnn did a good job of displaying the methods she uses for painting murals and designs. This book is definitely for the artist who has been painting for a while, hence the "advanced techniques" you see in the title. She also shows the use of templates and stencils extensively. Her work is very meticulous and can be time consuming. I compliment her on the book, and on her work.

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