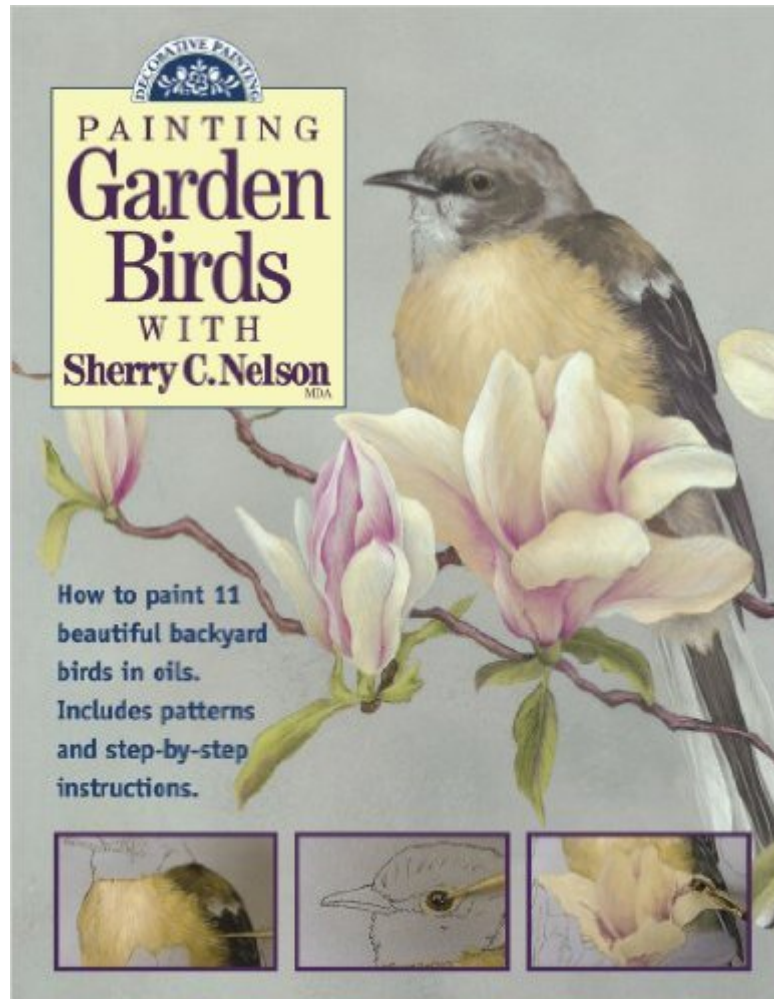


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# Painting Garden Birds With Sherry C. Nelson (Decorative Painting)



## Synopsis

Trade in your bird watching binoculars for a brush! Sherry C. Nelson, MDA, invites you to paint your favorite American garden birds. In this book, 11 different oil painting projects show you how to create Bluebirds, Cardinals, Goldfinches, Hummingbirds and other stunning birds in their natural surroundings. Sherry even teaches you, stroke by stroke, how to paint delicate feather textures, markings and eyes! Each project is explained in 20 or more steps and features a materials list, paint mixtures, field sketches and reference photographs. It's never been easier to paint the feathered friends you've been admiring in your backyard.

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## Customer Reviews

Ms. Nelson's step by step, part by part, instructions keeps one's focus on one detail at a time, and almost makes a bird appear magically. I paint with acrylics, and have successfully used her patterns and techniques. Now I am able to go on to paint birds using my own field study photo.

This is an absolutely wonderful book that any beginning artist must have. Ms. Nelson's instructions are so clear and easy to follow that anyone can produce beautiful paintings. Not only does Ms. Nelson tell you what colors to use, but what direction to make your painting strokes, how to hold the brush, what brushes to use...how much easier can you get?! I am currently working on my first bird from the book. My family can't get over how life-like my painting is. I am even surprised at the results! I am definitely going to purchase more of her books and I have no doubts that eventually I'll

be able to do paintings on my own once I've mastered the techniques in the book.

I've enjoyed having this book as a reference. The step by step instructions work just as well with other mediums instead of the recommended oils, so far I've painted the Wren in watercolors and the Cardinals in Acrylics.

I love Sherry's book. I went from knowing nothing about oil painting to painting bird pictures I am proud of and my family is raving over. Sherry uses step by step instructions with pictures of each individual step. She gives helpful hints for making the birds and flowers look very life like. She tells you what products she uses and why. If you want to learn to paint birds, **DEFINITELY GET THIS BOOK!!!!**

Certainly a great book. Well designed. I am a hobby painter. Self taught and this book has certainly inspired me into painting some of the pictures in the book. If you love nature and painting this is simple step by step book has a wealth of information. Would certainly recommend it.

I bought this book because I have recently started painting again and wanted some additional instruction. My first project out of this book was the Downy Woodpecker with the tulips. I followed the instructions and the photos in the book, I did not have all of the colors she used so had to improvise a bit but I think my painting came out pretty good. I can't add a photo here but did post one on my blog and art Facebook page if anyone wants to see how the finished painting came out. <http://artbymichelle.wordpress.com/2013/05/31/downy-woodpecker-with-tulips-painting/> or [facebook.com/PaintingByMichelle](https://www.facebook.com/PaintingByMichelle) I am going to try more projects from this book, it was very easy and very good instructions, if you get a little lost in the directions you can refer back to the color photo. This helped me quite a bit. I did notice on the tulip instructions, that the instructions ended with the leaves and did not talk about painting the stems of the flowers, but it is not hard to do using the photo.

This book is excellent for beginners. This book provides excellent step-by-step instructions on how to paint birds and is an asset to anyone in painting birds and some flowers.

The author provides step by step instructions and photos for painting a variety of birds with oils. This is a great book for the beginner decorative oil painter.

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