

Lady Liberty Photo Instructions



Underpainting & Tracing

3/4" flat + blue

Paint background.

When dry, use tracer and white carbon paper to copy the design.



Background

3/4" or #4 flat + red, white, purple, blue

- Fill in the sky with red and white above the buildings, then purple in the middle, and finally, blue and white near the top.
- Optional: Create a glow around the Statue of Liberty. Paint white and then blend with the other colors while still wet.



Buildings & Water

#4 Flat brush + dark blue, mint green, white

- Fill in buildings with a dark blue-white mix, then blend down with mint green and white as you go toward the bottom.



Building Highlights & Water Buildings:

- #4 flat + blue, white, mint green
- Add a second set of buildings behind by adding white to the paint mix.

Water:

- #4 flat + red, purple, + white
- Add small amounts of red, purple, and white to the water horizontally.
 - Make a shoreline with white and purple and blend in.



First Fireworks Layers

Stencil brush + red, purple, blue, white

- With a dry brush, tap on a circle of each color + white in the areas desired in this order: red, purple, blue.
- In my first sample, I painted five fireworks and I did seven here. I prefer the less cluttered look of five, but you can do as few or as many as you like.



Fireworks

Detail/Liner brush + white

Make a large dot for the center of each firework.

- Pull out curved lines from the center of each.
- Add additional strokes toward the center of each.
- Also add dots, dashes, splatter as desired.



Statue of Liberty - Dark Tones

Medium round brush + blue, mint green

Fill in as shown, adding both colors to the brush or alternating colors.



Statue of Liberty - Mid Tones

Medium round brush + brown, mint green

Fill in as shown



Statue of Liberty - Light Tones

Medium round or detail/liner brush + mint green, white

Paint in the bottom/right as shown.



Torch, Pedestal

Detail/Liner brush + copper, white

- Paint flame with copper and add a white highlight.
- Paint highlights on the top of the pedestal.
- Dry brush some copper to the base.

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Fireworks

Detail/Liner brush + red, purple, blue, green, white

- In each firework, pick one color mixed with white and add a few strokes of each color.



Highlights

Detail/Liner brush + mint green, white

- Mix a lighter color and highlight the **mint green** areas. Fill in as shown.
- Don't cover up all of the colors you painted earlier.



Highlights

Detail/Liner brush + jewel green, brown

- Mix colors and highlight the **brown** areas. Fill in as shown.
- Don't cover up all of the colors you painted earlier.



Highlights

Detail/Liner brush + jewel green, blue

- Mix colors and highlight the **blue** areas. Fill in as shown.
- Don't cover up all of the colors you painted earlier.



Water

1/2" flat + red, purple, white

- Brighten up layers as desired.



Highlights

Detail/Liner brush + copper

- Add copper highlights if desired.
- Add white and mint green highlights to create more folds in the fabric if desired. Blend in copper if desired if you prefer a smoother look.

