

Painting Malachite

By Ardy Bernier



Malachite most often appears as swirls of various shades of green. Search malachite on computer to see the many different colors and designs.

First fire: You will need two light green shades mixed with open med. in two separate piles. Imperial Jade and Sea green were my choices but there are many light green colors you can use. Paint on Imperial Jade with square shader in long and short strokes; next apply the Sea Green next to the Imperial Jade in the same manner, not all white areas must be covered. Using a well conditions (oiled) brush which has been lightly loaded with Imperial Jade smooth and filter the area. Don't overdo this step or the integrity of your colors will be lost. After smoothing you should have patches of two distinct colors which will establish your base colors. Fire 016 or hotter.

- 2nd Fire: Mix Black green and Darkest green separately with mixing medium (open medium). Apply the darkest green over the fired base colors in the same haphazard manner as before. Next apply the Black Green haphazardly. Lightly load and condition brush with darkest green and smooth over area be sure not to overdo this step. At this point you should see none of the fired color showing through your unfired paint.
- Next use rake brush or maybe a stiff fan brush to drag through the paint to make the malachite design, you can use a liner to make some darker lines if needed.
- My favorite way to make the design is to use a torn piece of card stock or old appointment cards if they are not too stiff or thick. Fire 016.