Ladybug Mini Lesson

The smudge tool is often used by beginners but I encourage minimal thoughtful brush strokes. I find it is good to use when you are trying to tidy up a piece, finishing touches you could say. My preferred method is using your color picker tool (hold finger down on screen to pick color.) When you sandwich two colors together, between both often they already start to blend. I then hold my finger between the colors, where they touch. Now using that color as a transition color, feathering into each other. You can do this as many times as you like, some people prefer to have a more “tight” style, while others are more loose. The more you blend this way, the more you can control the direction of your brush strokes.

It is important to utilize the different textures and directions you have in your disposal, this creates a dynamic interesting image. The time to bring in your smudge tool, usually (but not always) is when you have a small part of your picture that just needs that final push of blending. When you work digitally you have to be creative, it can be a challenge when you are used to a different medium. It is hard to compile all of procreate’s settings in two videos so I strongly encourage you to get to know your Ipad.

This could be through general guidance online, but my favorite way is to just play around. I started off digitally when I was 11 years old, initial videos helped me, but my experience helped me more in the long run. For some people technology can be a headache, so don’t get too caught up in being perfect. Allow yourself learn the platform with time. In my mini lesson, I will guide you through the most important tabs in procreate.

I started off with standard brushes as a beginner, but in my projects you may notice the brushes I use you don't have access to. Don’t fret you can absolutely use the standard brush set, but if you are curios as to where I got mine, I have a little bit of bad news. My brushes I have gotten over the years so I don’t have a good link to send. The great news is that online there is lots of interesting sets you can buy that are fun to play with.