

THE EYES HAVE IT!

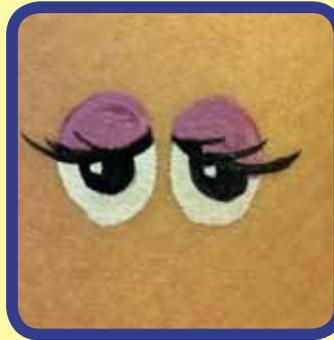
Whether you are painting a princess, or drawing eyes on a balloon sculpture, eyes can really make or break your design. Many artists struggle with eyes. They are detailed, and easy to mess up with a gloppy brush or a stray water drop. However, you can achieve really crisp, clean looking eyes by combining simple shapes, tear-drops, and dots!

When it comes to eyes, if you are doing a small and detailed design, keep your eyes simple and less detailed. If you can master the light flick of the brush to add eyelashes, they will really add to your princess designs! Leave off the bottom outline for a more delicate look. You can get a lot of emotion from your eyes using only black and white, as shown above! When adding my white highlight dots, I always try to center them right over the edge between the pupil and iris for the best effect. But when painting quickly with no colored iris, I simply leave the white spot blank while painting the pupil...it saves time and paint! Check out the next page for a step by step of my go-to "unicorn eye!"

Super simple, black and white! Works with or without eyelashes.



Add some eyelids to help define an expression.



Intentionally exaggerated size differences make these eyes extra fun!



This is what I do for an eye on my sharks and snakes!



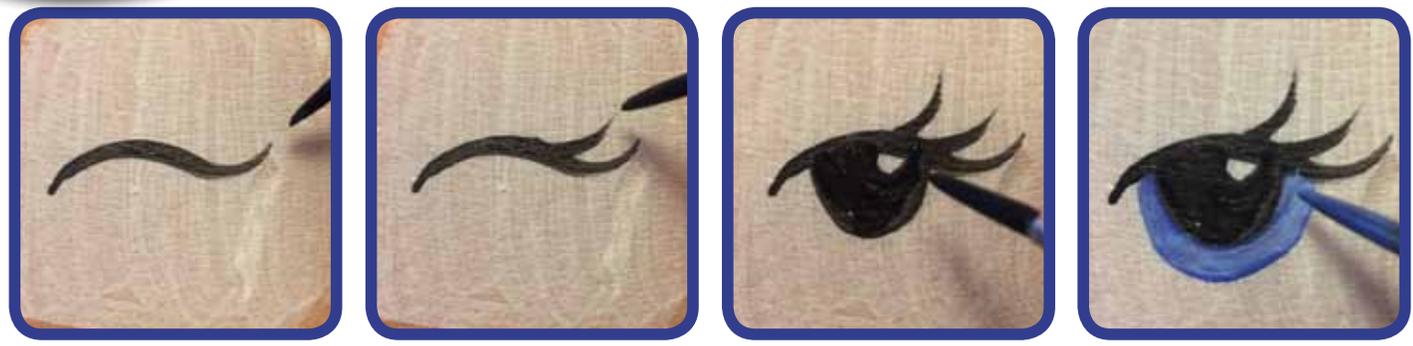
The shape of the eye can imply eyelids without having to paint them.



Princess eyes are extra big and shiny!

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Quick Unicorn Eye



This is my go-to eye for unicorns and simple princesses, when I don't have a lot of space or a lot of time. Leaving that little white spot in step 3 eliminated the need to re-load your brush later with white. Usually I stop at step 3 for a unicorn, but if you have the time, you can always add a colored iris as shown in the last step! With really small eyes, if I want them to appear delicate, I don't add any outline or lashes on the bottom side.



White liquid bling works great for tears!



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