

# Jasart Palette Knives

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**What is the difference between a palette knife and a painting knife?**

A *palette knife* is a long, straight spatula that is used for working on the palette as the name suggests – for example mixing paints and scraping a palette clean. They can be straight or have a slightly cranked handle. A *painting knife* has a crank in the blade, which takes your hand away from the painting surface. They come in many different shapes and are used for painting in place of a brush.

**What shape of painting knife should I use?**

Different shaped *painting knives* produce different effects. For example, a short blade produces angular strokes while a long blade makes it easy to put down sweeps of colour.

**Can you use a palette knife to paint with?**

Yes. However, *painting knives* have the advantage of coming in more angular shapes and with sharper points. The larger crank in the handle results in less chance of rubbing your knuckles into wet paint.

**How do I use a painting knife?**

Hold the handle firmly for good control. Pick up some paint from the palette using the tip. In the same way one might pick up some butter with a knife. Use the side of the blade to spread paint across the canvas, or press it onto the canvas.

**What kind of effects can be created?**

Using just the tip of the blade will produce small dots. Pressing the edge of the knife down will produce fine lines. Pressing the blade flat down into the paint will produce ridges. Scraping back into the paint will reveal underlying layers (a process called *s'graffito*).