Step-by-Step Tutorial: Paint a Pointillism Seascape



Step 1: Sketch the Composition

- 1. Use a pencil to lightly sketch:
 - A calm sea with a horizon line.
 - A **sailboat** off-centre with a triangle sail and simple hull.
 - A distant headland or coastal hill on the right.
 - A small village or lighthouse on the hill.
- 2. Keep all shapes clean and basic. No shading or colour yet just layout.



Step 2: Paint the Sky Using Pointillism

- 1. Use a **small round brush** to apply small, evenly spaced dots.
- 2. Start near the horizon line with light yellow and peach.
- 3. Blend upward into **pink**, then **lavender**, finishing with **blue** near the top.
- 4. Apply only dots do not brush or blend.
- 5. Do not colour the sea, boat, buildings, or land yet.



Step 3: Paint the Hills and Buildings

- 1. Paint the **distant hill** using dots of **dark blue**, **purple**, and a touch of **green**.
- 2. Use yellow, peach, and ochre dots to build the town's walls.
- 3. Add brown or red rooftops with small dot clusters.
- 4. Leave the **sea and boat uncoloured** for now.



Step 4: Paint the Sailboat and Water

1. Use **white and light peach dots** for the **sail**, to catch reflected light.

- 2. Paint the **boat hull** using **browns**, **navy blue**, **or grey**.
- 3. Fill in the **sea** with rows of **blue**, **turquoise**, and **lavender** dots.
- 4. Add **light yellow or orange dots** beneath the boat and near the horizon to suggest reflection.
- 5. Keep all dot work clean and consistent.

