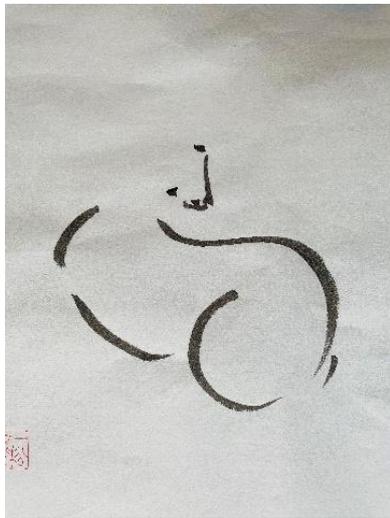


## Instruction on painting a horse using brush, calligraphy ink and rice paper

Chinese ink painting (水墨画 shuǐ mò huà) emphasises simplicity, expression, and harmony with nature. It captures the essence of landscapes, flowers, and animals through fluid brush strokes and subtle ink shades, leaving negative space for balance and imagination. Unlike Western oil painting's focus on realism and colour, Chinese painting values mood and spirit, reflecting a deep connection to nature and philosophy. As 2026 is the Year of the Horse, the artist [Peter Cavaciuti](#) provides the three steps on painting a horse.



### Paint a Horse in 3 Steps



## Competition: Upload a photo of your painting



**This competition is only for Open University staff and students.** To enter the competition, take a photo of the horse you have painted, scan the QR code on the left, and upload your work to the Padlet site. **Remember** to leave your name in the Comment box underneath your entry. **Winners will be announced on the Padlet the following week and will receive a prize.** Email [online-ci@open.ac.uk](mailto:online-ci@open.ac.uk) from your **Open University email** to claim your prize.