

Birds on Water with coloured pencil

Jonathan Newey

17th - 18th Aug 2026

Monday to Tuesday

Birds on Water with coloured pencil is a two-day drawing course exploring how to draw water birds with realism and colour. Students will learn techniques for layering coloured pencils, blending tones, and capturing feather texture. The course also focuses on reflections, ripples, and the movement of water around birds. Using reference images of a Black Swan and an Avocet, participants will develop a finished drawing while building confidence in colour, shading, and composition in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Description

This is a two day course that will show you how to draw birds on water with coloured pencil on grey and blue board (supplied by your tutor).

Using demonstrations and working from photographs supplied by the tutor, you will be shown how each technique can be achieved.

The course will be run in a friendly and relaxed manner and is an ideal way of moving on to other subjects where coloured pencil can be used.

Aimed at students of all abilities, especially beginners and students with some knowledge.

Please bring with you

One medium size pack of artists quality coloured pencils (Derwent, Faber Castel, Caran Dache, Lyra or WH Smith). As many different colours as possible.

If you have watercolour pencils then these can also be used dry.

Pencil sharpener,

2B & 4B (or softer) pencil,

Eraser

Available to purchase from the tutor

The tutor will supply one sheet of blue board and one sheet grey board at a cost of £3 per person.

Level

Suitable for all levels

About Jonathan Newey

Jonathan Newey is an award-winning artist with over 25 years of experience in teaching drawing and painting. He specialises in watercolour, acrylic and coloured pencil drawing.

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Course Location:

CIM Business Centre Cookham

Moor Hall
Cookham
Maidenhead
Berkshire SL6 9QH

Monday	
9.15am	Students arrive (coffee available)
9.30am	Teaching session
12.45-1.45	Lunch for all
1.45-5pm	Teaching session
6.45 for 7pm	Dinner for residents
Tuesday	
7-9.00am	Breakfast for residents
9.30am-1pm	Teaching session
12.45-1.45	Lunch for all
1.45-5pm	Last teaching session