



Little Green Olives

HOW TO CREATE A PICTURE BOOK

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1. Write your story, pick a book size and plan the text location on each page

There once was three brothers, Rhys, Tomos and Hunter. Whose three magical eggs had hatched dragons last summer.

(Boys watching eggs hatch)

Together they ate their favourite bolgnese. With tomato sauce, nutmeg and chilli mayonnaise.
2. Sketch your pictures, get to know your characters
3. Test colour harmonies with pencils
4. Plan your final drawing around the space you need for your text
5. Trace onto watercolor paper using a light box
6. Create outlines using nibs and permanent black ink
7. Mix colours and prepare colour charts
8. Paint, eat, sleep, repeat...
9. Scan paintings to computer, edit in photoshop, highlight in illustrator and place in indesign book!