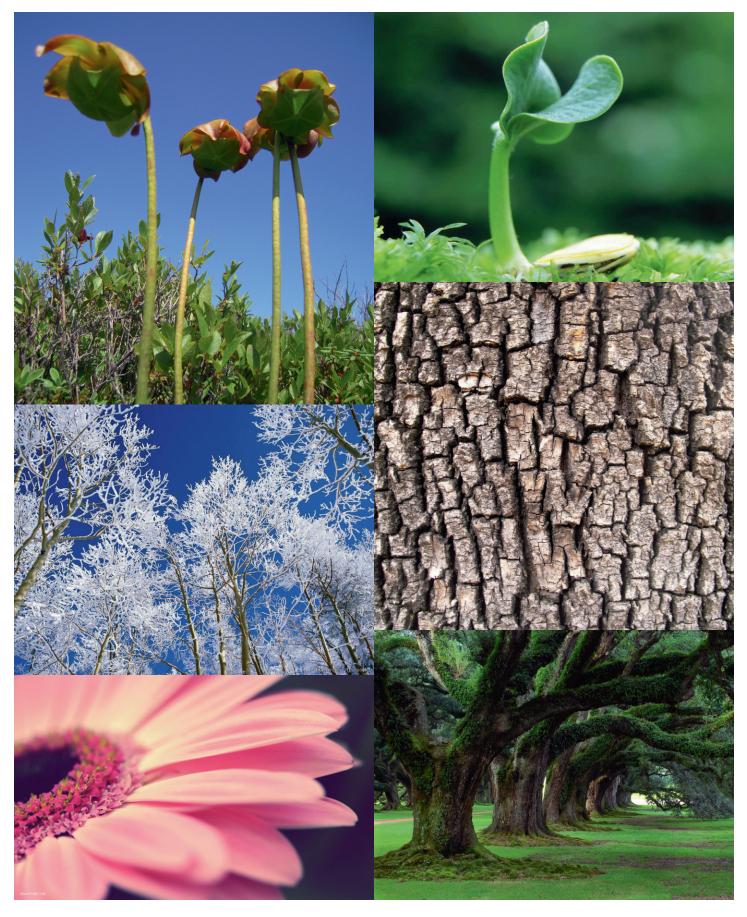# **Skill builders** Blocking In

Blocking in is a technique that artists use to save time and improve compositions. Paintings are developed in layers, starting with big, undetailed shapes of colour at the bottom, and then smaller chunks of colour on top of that, and the most detail on top of that. Create four paintings, each using a different picture and a different coloured background. The first should take about 25 minutes, the second about 15 mins, then 10, and then finally 5. Work fast!