

Queen Victoria requested an art brush design that is still popular today

Winsor & Newton Series 7 Kolinsky Sable brush

*Queen Victoria** was a dedicated artist since childhood. She created ink sketches and painted detailed watercolour nature scenes as well as people, pets, and places visited during her travels. She and *Prince Albert* were also supporters and loyal patrons of the arts. *Queen Victoria* even contributed to the development of a high-quality artist brush.



In 1866 *Queen Victoria* gave orders to *Winsor & Newton** to produce a watercolour brush in her favourite size, No. 7. *The Series 7 Kolinsky Sable Brushes* are made from the finest Kolinsky Sable hair in rust-proof, seamless nickel-plated ferrules with black polished handles. The brush became world renowned for its superior quality and longevity. Throughout the many changes to brush designs over the years, the *Series 7* remains among the best of artist brushes.

**Winsor & Newton was founded in 1832 in London, by William Winsor and Henry Newton.*



*Queen Victoria reigned from 1836 – 1901.

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