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Worked example / complete source key

A flower has three layers: layer 1 with four light-yellow petals, layer 2 with four medium-orange petals, and layer 3 with three dark-red petals. The palette also has green for the stem. Describe the coloring order and one blend check.

Answer: Color layer 1 light yellow first. Then color layer 2 medium orange, overlapping the base of layer 1, and blend the orange into the yellow at the overlap. Next, color layer 3 dark red, overlapping layer 2, and blend the red into the orange. Color the stem green last. For the blend check, look at the overlap between layer 2 and layer 1: the orange should fade into the yellow without a hard line. If a hard line appears, add a thin layer of yellow over the line and smooth it with short strokes.