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Americana® Multi-Surface™ Acrylics

A premium, all-surface, indoor/outdoor, satin finish paint with excellent coverage. They are self-sealing, so no primer or varnish is required. Superior adhesion on most surfaces, including glass, which is bakeable for a dishwasher-safe finish. Adheres to wood, walls, canvas, metal, terra cotta, paper ceramics, glass, Styrofoam, fabric, and most plastics.



TIPS

- A dishwasher-safe finish can be achieved on glass painted with Multi-Surface by air curing for 4 days, then baking for 30 minutes at 325° F.
- Use a light touch on slick surfaces for better coverage. Pressing too firmly with the brush can cause paint to lift from the surface.
- No primer or sealer is needed before painting or to protect the finish afterwards.
- For an eggshell finish, use a high-density cosmetic sponge to tap the paint onto the surface. This technique will also give the basecoat "tooth" that makes it easier for additional coats of paint or painted designs to adhere.
- Get an even finish on slick surfaces like glass and metal by using a soft brush to spread out Multi-Surface Satin and then leave it to self-level.

SPRING

It's like a big stretch after a long nap. Blinking in the bright, warm rays of the sun and then turning to catch the scents of new grass and florals on the crisp morning air. Spring is an awakening of all of the senses, and visually that means fresh, fun hues. Use this palette to color all of your springtime celebrations. Melonball, Flamingo, Coastal Waters, Lavender Fields, Peach Silk, and Chick are the perfect colors for your spring projects.

Flamingo

Peach Silk

Chick

Melonball

Coastal Waters

Lavender Fields



Easter Marbled Eggs

By Micaela Spiggle

Try a non-traditional approach to decorating eggs this year with a marbleizing technique on eggs that you can use year-after-year.

Marbled Easter Eggs

By Micaela Spiggle

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Shrimp	Poppy
Peach Silk	Orange Sherbet
Chick	Muted Gold
Soft Jade	Coastal Waters
Overcast	Deep Turquoise
Battleship	Lavender Fields
Cotton Ball	Iris
Pink Cadillac	Melonball
Flamingo	

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
toothpicks
#12 flat brush
palette knife
small squeegee
shaving cream
baking sheet
papier-mâché eggs

INSTRUCTIONS

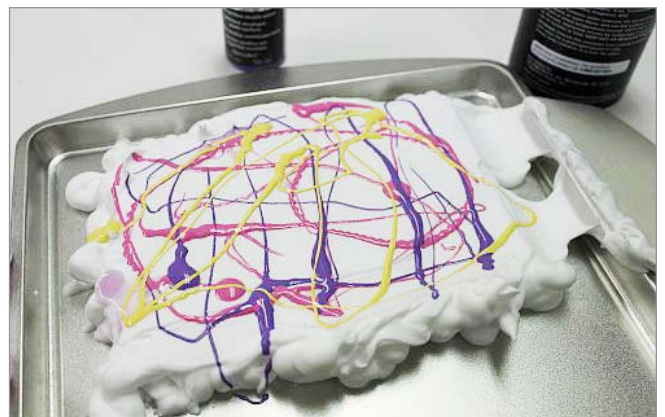
1. Start with papier-mache eggs.
2. Use a #12 flat brush to mix Cotton Ball 1:1 with each of these colors separately: Lavender Fields, Pink Cadillac, Orange Sherbet, Coastal Waters, Chick, and Melonball. Rinse brush between colors and at the end.



3. For pink eggs: spray shaving cream onto the baking sheet and smooth it with the squeegee.



4. Pour out three contrasting colors. (I used Chick, Iris, and Flamingo.)



Marbled Easter Eggs *cont.*

5. Use a toothpick to swirl the colors to look marbled. (Don't swirl too much; you do not want them to become muddy.)



6. Roll the egg across the paint, making sure you cover the egg completely.



7. Immediately use a palette knife to scrape off shaving cream, leaving just the paint on the eggs. Wash and dry the baking sheet and palette knife.

8. On blue eggs, I used Peach Silk, Deep Turquoise, and Chick.



9. Pour out the three colors and lightly swirl with a toothpick.



10. Roll eggs around and make sure they are fully covered. Scrap off the shaving cream with a palette knife, leaving paint on the egg. Wash and dry cookie sheet and palette knife.



11. For purple eggs, I used Iris, Coastal Waters, and Battleship. Spray the shaving cream onto the baking sheet and smooth it out with a squeegee.



Marbled Easter Eggs *cont.*

12. Pour out the three colors and lightly swirl with a toothpick.



15. Roll the egg in shaving cream and immediately scrape off with a palette knife. Wash and dry the baking sheet and palette knife.



13. Roll an egg around in the shaving cream and then immediately scrape off with a palette knife, leaving just the paint on the egg. Wash and dry the baking sheet and palette knife.



16. Repeat the marbling steps (3-7) on the green egg using: Deep Turquoise, Muted Gold, and Overcast. Wash and dry the baking sheet and palette knife.



14. Repeat the marbling steps (3-7) on the yellow egg using: Poppy, Soft Jade, and Overcast.



17. Repeat the marbling steps (3-7) on the orange egg using: Peach Silk, Shrimp, and Soft Jade. Wash and dry the baking sheet and palette knife.



18. Once all eggs are marbled, let them dry off to the side.



Mother's Day Gift Pot

By P LA Schneider

Surprise Mom with two gifts in one by presenting her with a flower or plant in a hand-painted terra cotta pot.

Mother's Day Gift Pot

By P LA Schneider

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Cobalt
Deep Turquoise
Turquoise Waters
Melonball

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
burlap
hot glue gun
3/4" flat brush
#8 round brush
terra cotta pot
pencil
scissors
twine
wooden dowels

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Using a 3/4" flat brush, paint the top rim of the pot in Melonball.



2. Using a 3/4" flat brush, begin painting the pot starting at the top with Melonball and go down approximately 1/3 of the way. While the paint is still wet, use the same brush (no need to rinse) and brush on Turquoise Waters around the middle, making sure to overlap with Melonball.



3. While the paint is still wet, use the same brush (no need to rinse) and brush on Deep Turquoise around the bottom, making sure to overlap with Turquoise Waters.



Mother's Day Gift Pot *cont.*

- Using a 3/4" flat brush, paint the two wooden dowels in Melonball.



- Using the [pattern](#) cut three pennants/triangle shapes from the burlap.



- Using a 3/4" flat brush, loosely paint the pennants with Deep Turquoise. (Do not paint to the edges.)
- Use a pencil to loosely draw "MOM", with one letter on each pennant. Using a #8 round brush, paint the shape of the letter "block style" in Melonball. Rinse brush and paint "MOM" in Cobalt. Use a hot glue gun to adhere the pennants to a piece of twine. Tie knots in between the pennants. Tie the pennants to the painted dowels.



- Stand the dowels inside on either side of the pot. (Refer to photo for placement.)



Floral Garden Tote

By Donna Bush

Funky flowers add interest and color to a wooden planter, in the style of an old-fashioned tool box.

Floral Garden Tote

By Donna Bush

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Shrimp	Coastal Waters
Poppy	Blue Bird
Chartreuse	Lavender Fields
Apple Green	

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
stylus or pencil
tracing paper
transfer paper
1" flat brush
12" flat brush
#1 round brush
wooden planter

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Start with a plain wood planter.



2. Use a 1" flat brush to basecoat each section a different color. Load the brush separately using Blue Bird, Apple Green, Coastal Waters, and Lavender Fields. Rinse the brush between steps and at the end.



3. Trace and transfer [pattern](#).
4. Use #1 round brush and Chartreuse to paint vines.



5. Use #12 flat brush to basecoat flower petals Shrimp and leaves Chartreuse.



6. Use #1 round brush and Poppy to outline petals. Use Apple Green to outline and detail leaves and vines.



Floral Garden Tote *cont.*

7. Use #1 round brush to add buds with Shrimp and Poppy and leaves at bud bases with Chartreuse.



8. Use #12 flat brush and Lavender Fields to paint flower centers.



9. Use brush handle end and Poppy to dot flower petals.



"Little Darling" Baby Shower Banner

By Micaela Spiggle

Make your own baby shower decorations to create original pieces that no one else has.

"Little Darling" Baby Shower Banner

By Micaela Spiggle

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

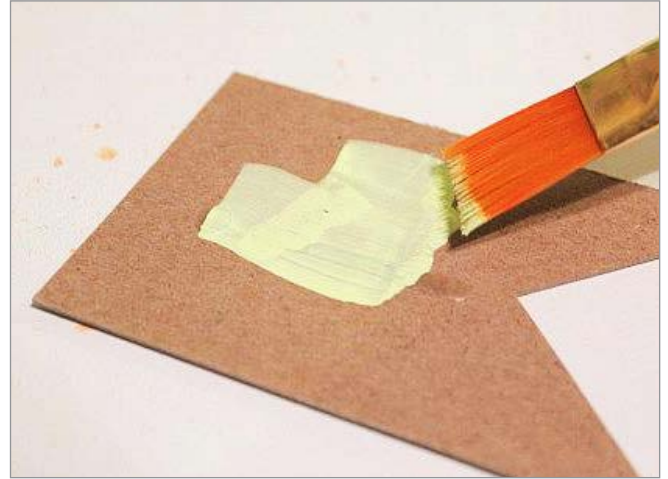
Peach Silk	Coastal Waters
Chick	Lavender Fields
Cotton Ball	Melonball
Flamingo	

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
tracing paper
transfer paper
scissors
hot glue gun and glue sticks
#12 flat brush
pen
#1 round brush
jute
flags

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use a #12 flat brush and load separately using Coastal Waters, Melonball, Chick, Peach Silk, Lavender Fields, and Flamingo to paint the flags. Rinse the brush between colors and at the end.



2. Use a pen or pencil and the tracing and transfer papers to trace and transfer a letter from "Little" [pattern](#) and "Darling" [pattern](#) onto each flag.
3. Use a #1 round brush to mix (3) parts Cotton Ball with (1) part Coastal Waters. Use the mix to paint on each letter. Rinse the brush.
4. Use scissors to cut the jute into two long strings to make the two separate banners.
5. Flip the flags face down in the correct order.
6. Use a glue gun to attach the jute to the backs of all the flags, making the first banner say "Little" and the second one say "darling."
7. Once fully dry, tie knots at the ends of the jute.

PARTY TIP!

Consider the size of the party space. Think about how many people you are likely to have and cordon off the party area accordingly. It is very important not to have too much room or your guests will spread out too much and you will lose the festive atmosphere. It is actually better to be a little crowded than to have too much room.





Painted Giraffe Stool

By PLA Schneider

Add this colorful stool to a kid's bed- or bathroom for extra seating or an extra boost.

Painted Giraffe Stool

By PLA Schneider

MATERIALS

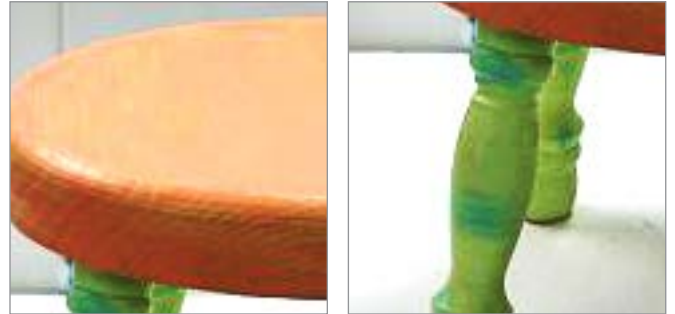
Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Peach Silk	Coastal Waters
Chick	Iris
Cotton Ball	Melonball
Flamingo	

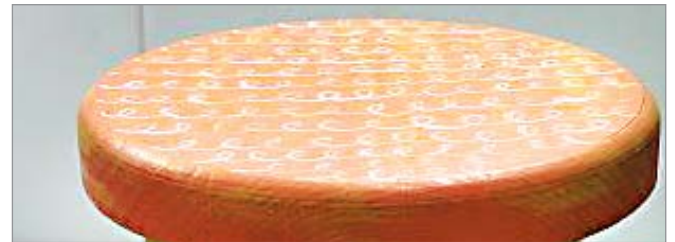
Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
tracing paper
transfer paper
scissors
hot glue gun and glue sticks
#12 flat brush
3/4" flat brush
#8 round brush
liner brush
pencil
jute
flags

- Using a 3/4" flat brush, dry-brush the top of the stool with Chick and the legs with Coastal Waters.



- Using a #8 round brush, randomly paint loopy lines across the top part of the stool in Cotton Ball.



- Using the [pattern](#) a pencil, tracing and transfer paper outline the giraffe onto the stool. (Refer to photo for placement.) Use a #8 round brush to paint the giraffe with two coats of Chick. Use a liner brush to paint the horn and tail with two coats of Coastal Waters.



- Use a liner brush to dot on eyes in Coastal Waters. Use a #8 round brush to add accents colors/marking in Coastal Waters, Iris, and Flamingo.



- Using a 3/4" flat brush, paint the top of the stool with two coats of Peach Silk and the legs with two coats of Melonball.



SUMMER

Sharing a twin popsicle sitting on the end of the dock with your toes just lightly skimming across the surface of the cool water. The warmth of the sun beats down on your exposed shoulders, and you smile at the relaxing effect it has on you. Fireworks will light the sky over the lake after the sun makes its departure, and tomorrow will be filled with family picnics and outdoor games. Summer, everyone wishes they could bottle it to have a dose during the coldest days. We've at least tried to bottle the colors that will remind you of your carefree afternoons and celebrations.

Go on, dive in! Multi-Surface Acrylic colors like Blue Bird, Lipstick, Apple Green, Turquoise Waters, and more will inspire you to create projects for your special occasions.

Pumpkin Patch

School Bus

True Blue

Turquoise Waters

Lipstick

Blue Bird

Apple Green



Father's Day Painted Tool Box

By PLA Schneider

Paint a unique Father's Day tool box with Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics.

Father's Day Painted Tool Box

By PLA Schneider

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Cotton Ball
Cobalt
Mushroom

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
E6000 glue
burlap
3/4" flat brush
1" painter's tape
cosmetic sponge
scissors
found objects
tool box

3. Tape off narrow stripes on each side of Cotton Ball stripes. Use cosmetic sponge to dab Cobalt accent stripes. Remove tape.



4. Cut burlap into a rectangle. (The size will be determined by the size of the tool box; refer to photo.)



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Using a 3/4" flat brush, paint the tool box with two coats of Mushroom.



2. Use 1" painter's tape to mask off stripes at either side of the tool box. (Refer to photo for placement.) Use a cosmetic sponge to dab on two coats of Cotton Ball. Remove tape.



5. Using a 3/4" flat brush, paint the burlap loosely with Cotton Ball. (Do not paint it solidly or paint all the way to the edges.)



6. Place found objects, like nuts, bolts, or screws, on the burlap and spell out "Tools". Once you are happy with the placement, adhere the objects into place.
7. When the "lettering" is dry, place the tools sign on the front of the tool box and adhere with E6000. (Refer to photo for placement.)



Wedding Heart Tree Centerpiece

By PLA Schneider

Clear glass vases, embellished with a tree and hearts, make easy, eye-catching accents for a wedding reception.

Wedding Heart Tree Centerpiece

By PLA Schneider

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Cotton Ball
Apple Green
Turquoise Waters

Supplies

palette or plastic plate
paper towels
rubbing alcohol
pencil
#8 round brush
#6 round brush
clear glass vase

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Print the [pattern](#) and place inside of vase. Using a #8 round brush, paint the tree trunk in Cotton Ball.
2. Mix equal, very small amounts of Apple Green and Turquoise Waters and paint the heart in the center of the tree, with two coats of the mix with a #8 round brush.



3. Using a #6 round brush, paint one half of the hearts (on one side of the vase) with two coats of Apple Green. Using a #6 round brush, paint the hearts on the other side with two coats of Turquoise Waters.
4. Mix Cotton Ball and Apple Green 2:1 and use mix to add tiny dots with a #6 round brush on the Apple Green hearts. Mix Cotton Ball and Turquoise Waters 2:1 and use mix to add tiny dots with a #6 round brush on the Turquoise Waters hearts.
5. Use the Cotton Ball/Apple Green and Cotton Ball/Turquoise Waters mixes and a #6 round brush to randomly add lines throughout the tree trunk.
6. Allow to dry and bake according to the Americana Multi-Surface product label for a dishwasher safe finish.



PARTY TIP!

Hire a caterer. Isn't that expensive? It can be but there is also a less expensive alternative. Contact your local culinary school and ask about hiring students to do your party. The students love to get the experience, and you don't have to pay the full cost of a professional. Before going this route, make sure you realize that students tend to overestimate on the amount of food needed; be sure to rein them into a set budget.



Fourth of July Wood Blocks

By Keri Bassett, ShakenTogetherLife.com

Transform plain wooden blocks into a fun decoration for the Fourth of July holiday.

Fourth of July Wood Blocks

By Keri Bassett, *ShakenTogetherLife.com*

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Lipstick
Cotton Ball
Blue Bird
True Blue
Turquoise Waters

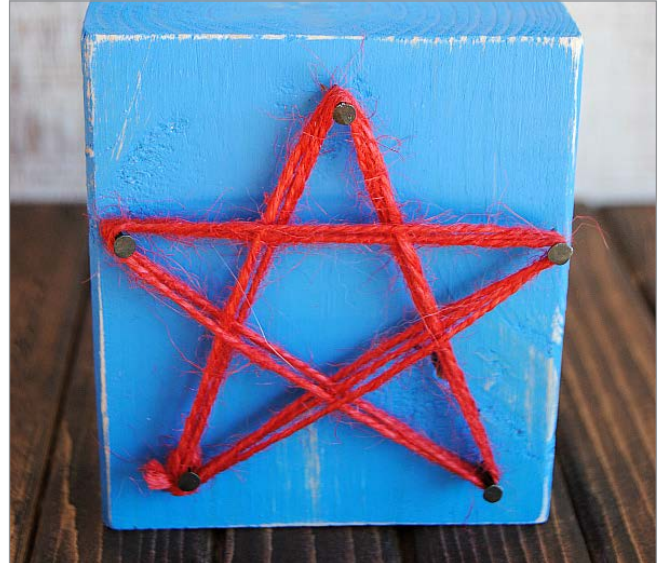
Supplies

painter's tape
foam paintbrushes
small paintbrush
5" wooden number "4"
craft glue
five nails & hammer
red twine
stencil or printed outline of the continental US
sandpaper
orbital sander (optional)
hammer
wooden blocks- 4", 5" 6" (2), 7"

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Using sandpaper or an orbital sander, sand each wooden block to remove any rough edges and surfaces.
2. Using the foam paintbrushes, paint each wooden block with two coats of the Americana Multi-Surface Satin paint as noted:
 - a. Paint the 4" block with Blue Bird.
 - b. Paint the 5" block and one 6" block with Cotton Ball.
 - c. Paint the second 6" block with Lipstick.
 - d. Paint the 7" block with Blue Bird.
 - e. Paint the wooden number "4" with Cotton Ball.
3. Once the paint is dry, distress the painted wooden number with a small piece of sandpaper.

4. For the blue star block, distress the edges and surfaces of the block. Hammer five small nails into the block to form the points of a star. Tie one end of a length of red twine on one of the nails. Wind the twine around the nails to form a star. Tie the other end of the twine to the starting nail and cut off any excess.



5. For the striped block, use painter's tape to mark off two sections of the block. Paint the exposed wood with two coats of Lipstick and then remove the painter's tape. When the paint is dry, distress the edges and surfaces with sandpaper.



Fourth of July Wood Blocks *cont.*

6. For the “4” block, use craft glue to adhere the wooden number to the block. Distress the edges and surfaces of the block with sandpaper.



7. For the USA block, turn the block horizontally and trace the outline of the Continental US on the block. Using the small paintbrush, paint the outline of US with True Blue paint and then go back to fill in the US. If you are using a stencil, secure the stencil with painter’s tape and fill in the shape with paint. When the paint dries, distress the edges and surfaces of the block.



8. For the fireworks block, use the small paintbrush to paint fireworks with Lipstick, True Blue, Turquoise Waters, and Cotton Ball. Use the handle end of the paintbrush to add small dots using Cotton Ball and Turquoise Waters. Once the paint is dry, distress the edges and surfaces of the block with sandpaper.



PARTY TIP!

Make the house cooler before everyone arrives. In the winter, this means turning the heat down and in the summer this means turning the A/C up. Either way, an hour or two before your guests are due to arrive, adjust the thermostat so that it’s about 5 degrees cooler than normal. When everyone arrives and starts talking and milling about, you’ll find that the temperature of the house climbs pretty quickly, and your guests will be more comfortable if you’ve given the air a head start before they get there.



Summer Vacation Album

By Elaina Appleby

Photos of your summer fun have a permanent home
in this sunny photo album.

Summer Vacation Album

By Elaina Appleby

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Cotton Ball	Turf Green
Lipstick	Blue Lagoon
Pumpkin Patch	Blue Bird
Canary	Black Tie
Apple Green	

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
paper towels
tracing paper
transfer paper
#10 flat brush
chalk pencil
#1 liner brush
#1 round brush
pen
8" x 8" album

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use a pen and the tracing and transfer papers to trace and transfer the [pattern](#) onto the front album cover. (Or free-hand the design with a chalk pencil.)
2. Use a #10 flat brush and Canary to fill in the sun. Rinse brush.
3. Use a #10 flat brush and Apple Green to paint the grass. Rinse brush.
4. Use a #1 round brush and Pumpkin Patch to paint the two opposite sections of the kite in the background. (Refer to photo for placement.) Rinse brush.
5. Use a #1 round brush and Blue Lagoon to paint the other sections of the background kite. Rinse brush.
6. Use a #1 round brush and Lipstick to paint the two opposite sections of the kite in the foreground. Rinse brush.
7. Use a #1 round brush and Blue Bird to paint the other sections of the foreground kite. Rinse brush.
8. Use a #1 round brush and Cotton Ball to add details and string on both kites. Rinse brush.
9. Go over the houses with a chalk pencil to make the pattern lines more visible.
10. Use a #1 round brush and load separately with Pumpkin Patch, Blue Lagoon, Canary, Lipstick, and Apple Green to paint the houses and roofs. Rinse brush before switching colors and at the end.
11. Use a #1 liner brush and load separately with the same colors from the previous step to add roofs, doors, and windows to houses. (Just switch colors so as not to match the house.) Rinse brush between colors and at the end.



Summer Vacation Album *cont.*

12. Use a #1 liner brush and Cotton Ball to outline all the clouds. Rinse brush. Use a #10 flat brush and corner-load with Cotton Ball to lightly shade the insides of the clouds. Rinse brush.



13. Use a #1 liner brush and load separately with Pumpkin Patch and Blue Lagoon to paint the string and bows of the background kite. Rinse brush between colors and at end.
14. Use a #1 liner brush and load separately with Lipstick and Blue Bird to paint string and bows of the foreground kite. Rinse brush between colors and at the end.
15. Use a #10 flat brush and Turf Green to paint the bushes in the bottom corners. Rinse brush.
16. Use a #1 round brush and Black Tie to outline the foreground. Rinse brush.



FALL

As the daylight hours dwindle and the warmth fades from the outside, we like to bring it into our homes. Creating layer-upon-layer of cozy textures and colors until we feel cocooned while sipping our cider. Toast a marshmallow on the fire and relive your childhood with a s'more. Fall is about making our surroundings safe and secure and celebrating special times with family and friends, both old and new. Cut another slice of pumpkin pie and sit for a spell. Warm colors like Pumpkin Patch, Dark Scarlet, Cocoa Bean, and Canary will take you there.

Dark Scarlet

Canary

Red Barn

Turf Green

Pumpkin Patch

Cocoa Bean



"Go Team" Sports Cooler

By Micaela Spiggle

Turn up at tailgates this fall with a cooler that cheers on your favorite team or your family.

"Go Team" Sports Cooler

By Micaela Spiggle

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Cotton Ball	Green Beret
School Bus	Cocoa Bean
Turf Green	Black Tie

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
tracing paper
transfer paper
painter's tape
#10 flat brush
#12 flat brush
pen
#1 round brush
household cleaner or rubbing alcohol
(to remove label from cooler)
3/4" flat brush

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Remove all labels from a cooler and clean it thoroughly with household cleaner or rubbing alcohol and paper towels.



2. Use 1" painter's tape to mask off the center of the cooler lid for a football field.

3. Use 3/4" flat brush and Turf Green to fill in the inside of the taped area. Rinse brush. Remove tape.



4. Use 3/4" flat brush and Green Beret to paint carefully around the outer edge of the lid. Rinse brush.



5. Use a pen and the tracing and transfer papers to trace and transfer small team lettering to each side of the lid on the unpainted areas. (We used our company name.)



"Go Team" Sports Cooler *cont.*

6. Use a #1 round brush and School Bus to paint the sections around the letters. (Make sure not to get any School Bus in the letters.) Rinse brush.



7. Use a #1 round brush and Black Tie to fill in the centers of the letters and then outline each letter with Black Tie. Rinse brush.



8. Use a pen and the tracing and transfer papers to trace and transfer the team initial [pattern](#) onto the center of the lid. (We used our company initials.)



9. Use a #1 round brush and Cotton Ball to basecoat the team initials. Rinse brush. Use the same brush and load Black Tie to outline the circle, fill in the centers of the letters, and outline the letters. Rinse brush.



10. Use a pen and the tracing and transfer papers to trace and transfer the football field pattern onto the cooler lid.

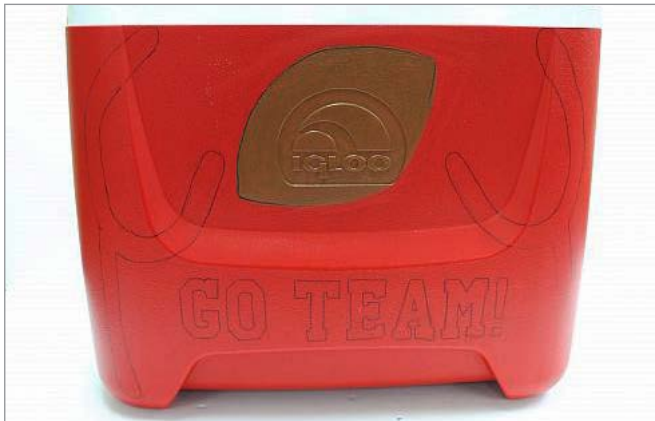


11. Use a #1 round brush and Cotton Ball to paint over all the football field pattern details. Rinse brush.



"Go Team" Sports Cooler *cont.*

12. Use a pen and the tracing and transfer papers to trace the football, goalposts, and words "GO TEAM" [pattern](#) to the front of the cooler where you like. (You may need to resize the pattern to fit the front of the cooler.)
13. Use a #10 flat brush and Cocoa Bean to fill in the football. Rinse brush.



16. Use a #10 flat brush and Cotton Ball to add the bands around the ends of the football. Rinse brush. Use a #1 round brush and Cotton Ball to add center details to the football and to outline the words "GO TEAM." Rinse brush. Use a #1 round brush and Black Tie to outline the football shape. Rinse brush.



14. Use a #12 flat brush and School Bus to paint the goalposts. Rinse brush. Use a #10 flat brush and Turf Green to fill in words "GO TEAM." Rinse brush.



17. Follow the Multi-Surface Acrylic label for cure times.

TAILGATING TIP!

Have everyone wear the same color glow necklaces/sticks after sunset. This works great for keeping your party together when it gets dark in the tailgating area. It's also another way to show team spirit if you get them in the team colors!

15. Use a pen and the tracing and transfer papers to trace and transfer the details onto the football.



Back-to-School Tote Bag

By Micaela Spiggle

Choose any bright, cheerful color of tote bag and add images of books and other school supplies.

Back-to-School Tote

By Micaela Spiggle

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Cotton Ball	Blue Bird
Flamingo	Lavender Fields
Red Barn	Iris
Orange Sherbet	Dolphin
School Bus	Black Tie
Chartreuse	

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
tracing paper
transfer paper
ruler
#8 flat brush
hot glue gun and glue sticks
#1 round brush
medium canvas tote
#10/O liner brush
pencil
wooden letters
circle wooden letters

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Start with a canvas tote in the color of your choice. (I think Turquoise is a good color to match my color palette.)



2. You will also need wooden pieces to spell out the name or word you want.



3. Use a pencil and ruler to make a giant square on the front of the tote bag.



4. Use a pencil and the tracing and transfer papers to trace and transfer the images: [scissors](#), [pencil](#), [ruler](#), and [books](#), one to each corner of the square.



Back-to-School Tote Bag *cont.*

5. Use a #8 flat brush and School Bus to paint the pencil and ruler. Rinse brush.



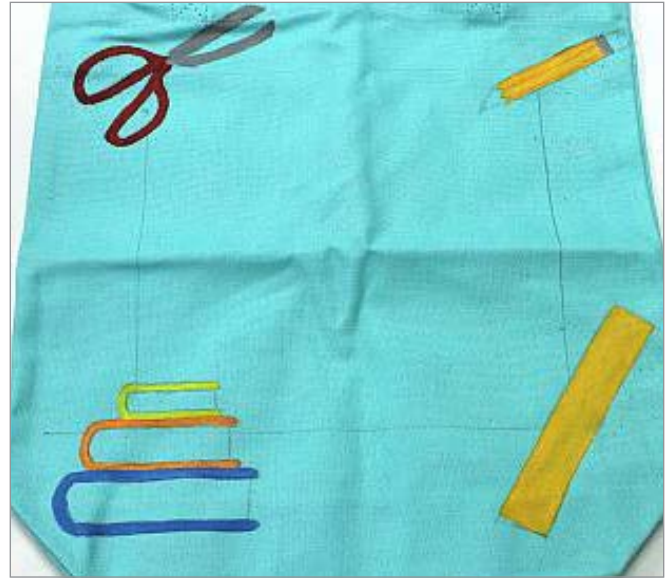
6. Use a #1 round brush and Red Barn to paint the handles of scissors. Rinse brush.



7. Use a #1 round brush and Dolphin to paint the scissor blades. Rinse brush.



8. Use a #1 round brush and load separately with Chartreuse to paint the top book; Orange Sherbet to paint the middle book and details on the pencil; and Blue Bird to paint the bottom book. Rinse the brush between colors and at the end.



9. Use a #8 flat brush and Cotton Ball to paint the pages in the books. Rinse brush.



10. Use a #10/0 liner brush to mix (2) parts Cotton Ball with (1) part Dolphin. Use the mix to paint the details on book pages and the metal on the pencil. Rinse brush.

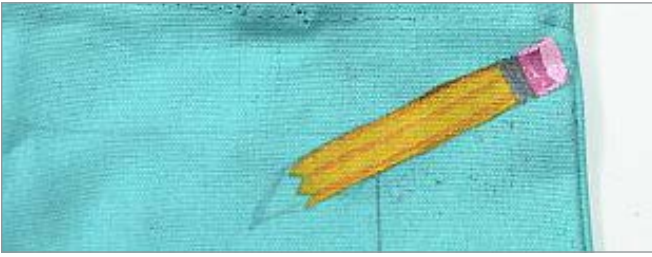


BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIP!

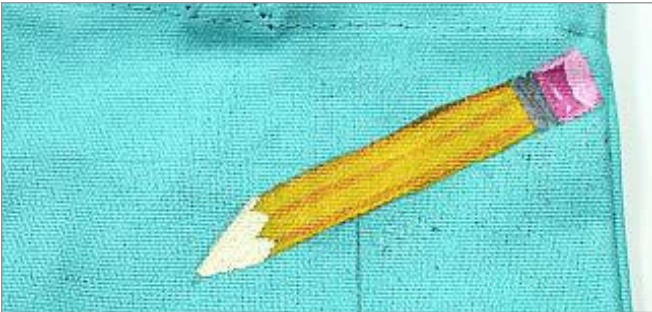
Lay out clothes for the week - Do you have a picky dresser that can't make up their mind or refuses to wear anything? Try picking out the clothes for the week on the weekend. Either group them together with closet hanger organizers or even rubber band the hangers together for easy picking.

Back-to-School Tote Bag *cont.*

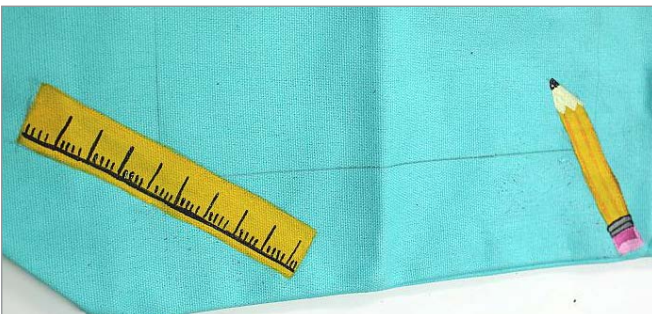
11. Use a #1 round brush and Flamingo to paint the bottom section of the eraser. Use the same brush, adding a small amount of Cotton Ball to Flamingo to paint the top of the eraser. Rinse brush.



12. Use a #1 round brush to mix (2) parts Cotton Ball with (1) part School Bus. Use the mix to paint a sharpened end on the pencil. Rinse brush.



13. Use a #10/0 liner brush, Black Tie, and a small amount of water to add lead to the pencil; outline the metal on the pencil, and to add details to the ruler. Rinse brush.



14. Use the handle end of a #8 flat brush and dip in Iris. Dip dots on all around the entire square frame. Wipe off the handle.



15. Let dots dry completely. (You can warm the glue gun and glue sticks up at this point and begin painting wooden letters.)



16. Use a #1 round brush and Chartreuse to paint all the circular wooden letters. Rinse brush.



17. Use a #8 flat brush and Lavender Fields to paint the entire letter. Rinse brush. Use a 10/0 liner brush and Chartreuse to outline letter inside. Rinse brush.



18. Once all the wooden letters are completely dry, you can use the glue gun to attach them where you want.





After School Snack Caddy

By Leigh Anne, Houseologie.com

"When my kiddos come home from school they are always ravenous! After watching them dig through the fridge and rifle through all of the cabinets looking for a snack, I decided we needed a better system. I came up with this simple snack caddy. Every afternoon before they get home, I just set it on the table where they typically do their homework. It has helped solve messes and time wasted trying to make a decision on what snack to eat!"

After School Snack Caddy

By Leigh Anne, Houseologie.com

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Red Barn

Supplies

unfinished small wooden crate
rope
paintbrush
water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
craft knife

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Paint the wooden crate with Red Barn. (I chose to leave the inside of the crate natural and let some of the wood imperfections show through the paint on the outside.)



2. Measure and mark where you want the handles and drill two holes on each end of the crate.



3. Cut your rope to the desired length, thread it through your pre-drilled holes and tie a knot so that your handles are secure.



4. Load your After School Snack Caddy with all of your child's favorite snacks!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIP!

Create a family command center - Keeping everything in one place helps those mornings flow more smoothly. Backpacks are in their spot, calendar with important dates and deadlines, menu for the week, and for the kids....a spot for their school ids to hang! A Family Command Center or even drop zone is a must.



Back-to-School Apple Mason Jar

By Kelly Ladd Sanchez, Handmadebykelly.com

Say hello to your child's new teacher with this apple Mason jar gift.

Back-to-School Apple Mason Jar

By Kelly Ladd Sanchez, *Handmadebykelly.com*

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Dark Scarlet
Apple Green
Brown Sugar

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
Mason jar
paintbrush
cardstock (green)
baker's twine
pencil
scissors
cork
craft knife
Super Glue

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use a craft knife to cut a wine cork in half. Paint the wine cork with Brown Sugar. Let dry.



2. Cut a leaf shape from green cardstock.
3. Paint two coats of Apple Green onto the Mason jar's lid. Let dry.



4. Paint two coats of Apple Green Americana multi-surface satin paint onto the Mason jar's lid. Let dry.



5. Superglue the cork to the top of the lid. Let dry.
6. Superglue the cardstock leaf to the cork. Let dry.
7. Wrap pencils to the jar with baker's twine.





"Happy Halloween" Painted Pumpkin

By Micaela Spiggle

With Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics, this pumpkin can be part of your indoor or outdoor décor.

"Happy Halloween" Painted Pumpkin

By Micaela Spiggle

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Chartreuse
Lavender Fields
Black Tie

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
tracing paper
transfer paper
#12 flat brush
black Sharpie® & regular marker
#1 round brush
pen
medium foam pumpkin

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make sure the foam pumpkin is clean and dust free.



2. Use a pen and the tracing and transfer papers to trace and transfer the [pattern](#) for the label from the "Happy Halloween" sign only. Go over the pattern lines with a black marker to make them more visible.



3. Use a #12 flat brush and Black Tie to paint every other stripe on the pumpkin. Rinse brush.



4. Use a #12 flat brush and Chartreuse to fill in the label. (You may need to use a #1 round brush around the pointed parts of the label.)



"Happy Halloween" Painted Pumpkin *cont.*

5. Use a pen and the tracing and transfer papers to trace and transfer the words "Happy Halloween" to the center of the label.
6. Use the #1 round brush and Black Tie to paint on the words "Happy Halloween." Rinse brush.
8. Use the handle end of a #12 flat brush and dip in Lavender Fields to add dots to the edges of all Black Tie stripes. Wipe off the handle end.



7. Use the #1 round brush and Lavender Fields to add diagonal lines inside some letters and then outline the label. Rinse brush.





Halloween Cookie Tin

Amanda Formaro, Craftsbyamanda.com

Embellish a caddy to make it easy for the kids to choose healthy, parent-approved snacks

Halloween Cookie Tin

Amanda Formaro, Craftsbyamanda.com

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Orange Sherbet

Black Tie

Iris

Americana Stencil

Times New Roman

Americana Mixed Media Stencil

Retro Mod

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
cookie tin
paintbrush
cosmetic sponges
palette
painter's tape

2. Brush on multiple thin coats of Orange Sherbet all over the tin.



3. Adhere the Retro Mod Stencil to the side of the cookie tin with painter's tape.
4. Lightly load cosmetic sponge with Iris and pounce lightly over stencil. Use multiple thin coats.



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wash tin and dry thoroughly.

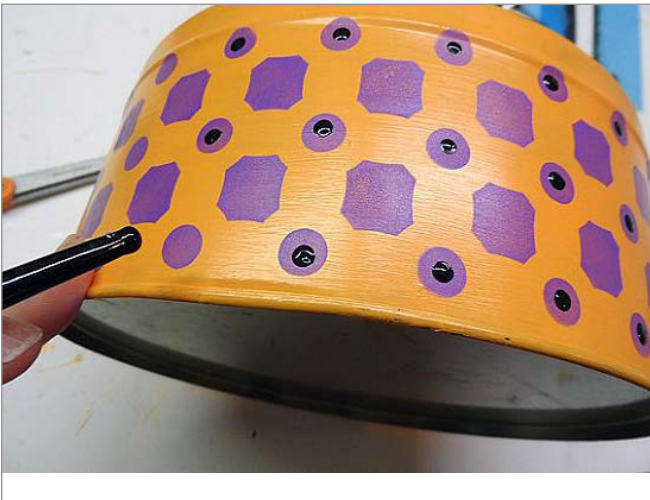


Halloween Cookie Jar *cont.*

5. Stencil 31 to the lid using the Americana Times New Roman Stencil and Black Tie.



6. Dip the handle end of the paintbrush into Black Tie and add dots to the center of each Iris circle on the side.





Thanksgiving Burlap Place Setting

By PLA Schneider

This placemat and napkin ring duo will add fall colors to your Thanksgiving decorating.

Thanksgiving Burlap Place Setting

By PLA Schneider

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Dark Scarlet	Iris
Pumpkin Patch	Cocoa Bean
Turf Green	

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
scissors
#8 flat brush
hot glue gun and glue sticks
#6 round brush
Con-Tact® and regular paper
black permanent marker
cosmetic sponge
pencil
burlap placemat
napkin ring
craft knife

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Using a #6 round brush and Cocoa Bean, paint a wavy line on the right side of the placemat. (Refer to the pattern if needed.)



2. Trace the acorn [pattern](#) onto Con-Tact® paper and cut out to make a stencil. Using a cosmetic sponge, dab on Pumpkin Patch, Dark Scarlet, Turf Green, and Iris. (Refer to photo for color placement.)



3. Trace the acorn top [pattern](#) and leaves onto Con-Tact® paper and cut out to make stencils. Using a cosmetic sponge, dab Cocoa Bean into the acorn top and leaf stencils. (Refer to photo for placement.)



4. Use a cosmetic sponge to dab on two coats of Cocoa Bean to the napkin rings.



5. Cut thin strips of burlap (approx 3/4" long). Using a #8 flat brush, paint a stripe along the middle of each strip in either Dark Scarlet, Pumpkin Patch, Iris, or Turf Green. Loop around the napkin ring and adhere with a hot glue gun.



WINTER

The snow piles up on the frosted windowsill but it only adds to the magical spell cast by the twinkling of the lights spilling from nearby shop windows. You sip your warm mug of coffee and continue to focus on your to-do list for all of your upcoming parties. Decorations and food and gifts! A season full of merriment and goodwill offers you so many reasons to celebrate. From Christmas ornaments to toasting flutes to gifts of love, let our color palette inspired your winter crafting.

Creating Christmas ornaments and decorations, followed by the clink of champagne glasses to bring in the New Year and special gifts for that special someone on Valentine's Day. Lipstick, Turf Green, Flamingo, and Silver or Gold Metallic colors are all you need.

Iris

Lipstick

Turf Green

Turquoise Waters

Melonball

Flamingo

Gold

Silver



Cardboard Christmas Tree

By Mark Montano

Simple cardboard trees of varied sizes may be inexpensive but add a sophisticated, modern look to holiday décor.

[Video
Tutorial](#)

Cardboard Christmas Tree

By Mark Montano

MATERIALS

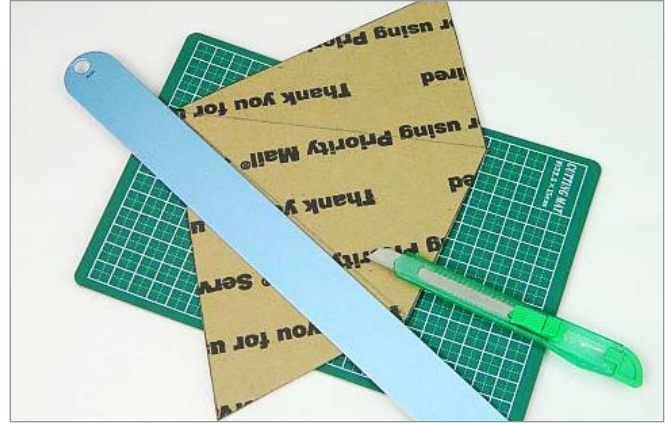
Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Shrimp	Leprechaun
Chick	Coastal Waters
Flamingo	Lavender Fields
Lipstick	Gold (Metallic)

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
ruler
pencil with clean eraser
3/4" flat brush
#10 flat brush
cardboard
hot glue gun and glue sticks
ribbon
craft knife
pencil
scissors

2. Carefully cut out the triangles as one piece using a craft knife. (Precision is the key!)



3. Score along the two lines where the tree triangles meet. Bend into a tree shape.



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use a pencil to trace a basic triangle shape three times side by side onto cardboard.



4. Use a hot glue gun to hold cardboard in a tree shape.



Cardboard Christmas Tree *cont.*

5. Cut a triangle to fit the bottom of the tree and glue on.



8. Use the same brush to dry-brush with Gold. Rinse brush.



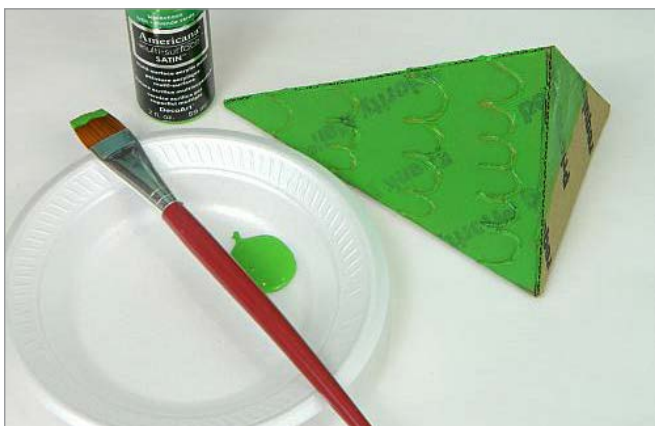
6. Carefully draw out a garland around the tree using the hot glue gun. (Hold onto the tree and be careful to let glue fully dry. I have accidentally dropped mine a few times and glued the little tree to the table.)



9. Using the clean eraser end of a pencil, separately dip into Lipstick, Lavender Fields, Chick, Flamingo, Coastal Waters, and Shrimp to add ornaments to the tree. (Wipe the eraser each time you switch colors.)



7. Use a 3/4" flat brush and Leprechaun to paint the entire tree. Rinse brush.



10. Use scissors to cut ribbon of your choice. Hot glue it to the top of the tree. (It can either be used to hang the tree as an ornament or as the free-standing tree's tree topper.)





Glittery "NOEL" Banner

By Mark Montano

Freezer paper "snowflakes" add a vintage look to this glittering accent for mantel or doorway.

Glittery "NOEL" Banner

By Mark Montan

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Turquoise Waters
Silver (Metallic)

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
scissors
ruler
pencil
3/4" flat brush
lace
craft glue
hot glue gun and glue sticks
iron and ironing board
freezer paper
chunky glitter
wooden letters
muslin
pinking shears
sewing machine

3. Use a sewing machine to double up the fabric, connecting two layers for each pennant.



4. Use scissors to cut a snowflake of your choice out of freezer paper. (The "busier" the snowflake, the better!)



5. Iron the snowflake to the pennant to use as a stencil.



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use a pencil and ruler to trace a basic triangle shape onto to the muslin or fabric of choice.
2. Use pinking shears to cut out each pennant. Make sure it is big enough for each wooden letter to fit inside. If the fabric is thin, cut two layers.



Glittery "NOEL" Banner *cont.*

- Use a 3/4" flat brush and Silver to paint all around the snowflake, brushing outward along the edges. Rinse brush. Remove the freezer paper and repeat steps on all four pennants.



- Once the pennants are dry, sew them together with lace or ribbon of your choice.



- Use a 3/4" flat brush and Turquoise Waters to paint "NOEL" letters. Rinse brush.



- Use a hot glue gun and glue sticks to attach letters to the pennants.



- Once the letters are fully dry, use a 3/4" flat brush to brush craft glue on one letter at a time. Immediately sprinkle chunky glitter all over the letter. Repeat on all letters. Rinse brush.



PARTY TIP!

Keep take-out containers on hand. This tip is particularly useful for a party with lots of food involved, or even a big event like Christmas or Thanksgiving. How many times have you tried to send your guests home with some leftover foods only to find that you have to either give them your nice Rubbermaid containers? Combat this problem by keeping a stack of take-out containers on hand at all times. You can find these containers online or in your local warehouse store or restaurant supply store.



NYE Fireworks Champagne Flutes

By Taffy Brookes

These embellished champagne glasses will be the highlight of your New Year's eve festivities.

NYE Fireworks Champagne Flutes

By Taffy Brookes

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Cotton Ball
Black Tie
Silver (Metallic)
Yellow Gold (Metallic)

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
rubbing alcohol
toothpicks
#4 flat brush
champagne flutes
#10/0 liner brush

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Clean the champagne glasses with rubbing alcohol and paper towels. Let dry completely.
2. Use a #4 flat brush and Black Tie to paint the stems. Rinse brush. (You may have to touch up the stems after painting the fireworks).



3. Use a #10/0 liner brush and Silver to paint four fireworks on each flute. Rinse brush.

4. Use a toothpick dipped in Silver to add dots in the middle of each firework, working passed all the edges. Dip a separate toothpick in Yellow Gold to add more dots. (Try not to touch any of the Silver dots.)



5. Use a new toothpick and Cotton Ball to add more dots, spacing them out farther apart. Leave about 1-1/2" of unpainted area around the rim of the glass.



6. Continue adding more dots with Yellow Gold, Silver, and Cotton Ball so they look as if they are falling.



7. Allow to dry and follow Multi-Surface Acrylic label for curing times. Once they are fully cured, follow the label instructions for baking times to make them dishwasher safe.



Valentine's Pillow Ornaments

By Mark Montano

Celebrate love with these heart-shaped accents, perfect for hanging in a kitchen or entryway.

Valentine's Pillow Ornaments

By Mark Montano

MATERIALS

Americana Multi-Surface Acrylics

Cotton Ball
Flamingo

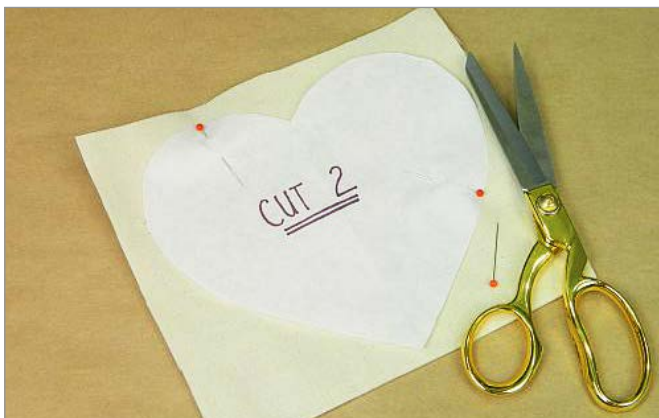
Lipstick
Black Tie

Supplies

water container
palette or plastic plate
paper towels
scissors
pencil
#10 flat brush
sewing machine or needle and thread
paper
#1 liner brush
button
#1 round brush
stuffing
tassel
muslin
pinking shears

INSTRUCTIONS

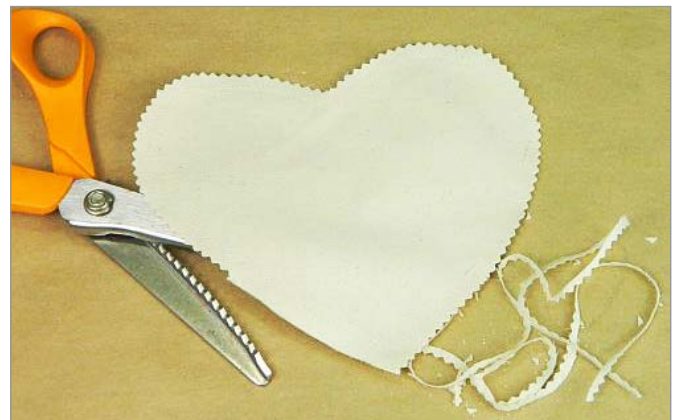
1. Use a pencil to trace and transfer a basic heart shape onto any paper and cut out with scissors.
2. Pin a heart in place over two small pieces of muslin or fabric of your choice. Cut out with scissors. Repeat for a total of three hearts.



3. Keep the muslin doubled up and stitch around the edge, leaving a 2" long hole for stuffing.



4. Use pinking shears to add a decorative edge.



5. Add the stuffing to the hearts.



Valentine's Pillow Ornaments *cont.*

6. Stitch the hearts closed.



7. Use a #10 flat brush and Flamingo to paint one entire heart. Use the same brush and Lipstick for the second heart, and leave the third one plain, just paint the edges with Flamingo.
8. Use #10 flat brush and Lipstick to float half-circle shapes around the border of the Flamingo heart. Use the same



brush and color to paint a smaller heart in the center. Use a #1 round brush to paint "XO" inside the center heart. Use #1 liner brush and Cotton Ball to add dash lines inside smaller lipstick heart.

9. On the reverse side of the Flamingo heart, use a #1 round brush and load Lipstick to add small hearts.



10. Use a #1 round brush and Lipstick to add small hearts to the plain heart. Rinse brush. Use the same brush and Black Tie to add the word "love".
11. Repeat the application of small hearts using #1 round brush and Flamingo on the Lipstick heart.
12. Sew on ribbon and a button to hold it.



13. (Optional) Add tassels if you would like. Hang heart ornaments from a curtain rod in the kitchen or over the center of a doorway.



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