

AVERAGE TIME

2
HOURS

CHALLENGE LEVEL



Simple Techniques - Stunning Effects

IRISH ARGYLE PLATE



MATERIALS

DB37427 Honeycomb Dinner Plate
Liner Brush
Fan Brush
Scissors
Straight Pin
Paper Patterns

COLORS

CMM 27 - Kiwi
CMM 49 - Christmas Tree
CMM 67 - Snowflake
CMM 22 - Gecko Green
CMM 29 - Grasshopper

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INSTRUCTIONS

We will be paper painting this entire piece. It's lots of fun and a little messy, kids love it!

- a. Pour paint onto a paper plate or foil so it's easier to get lots of paint on your fan brush
 - b. Scoop up a lot of paint on your brush, dab a heavy amount of paint on the back of the paper piece, then immediately stick it onto the plate where desired.
 - c. Really press the paper down to push out any air bubbles.
 - d. Paint will leak out, and we are okay with that!
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1. Use scissors to cut out the paper pieces from the patterns. Stack the diamonds with an "X" on them together, and the ones without an "X" in a separate pile.
 2. Apply a generous amount of Gecko Green to the back of the shamrock using a fan brush. Stick it onto the lower right corner of the plate and press firmly to work out all the air bubbles.
 3. Next, we will apply the diamonds in the Argyle pattern. The diamonds with the "X" will be used for Grasshopper, and the blank diamonds will be used for Kiwi. By marking these, you will know what color is under the paper when applied.
 4. Apply a generous amount of Kiwi to a blank diamond using a fan brush. Stick it onto the center of the plate and press firmly to work out all the air bubbles.
 5. Next, apply a generous amount of Grasshopper to an "X" diamond using a fan brush. Allow the points to touch, stick it to the left of the center diamond, and press firmly to work out all the air bubbles.
 6. Repeat step 5, applying the diamond to the right of the center diamond.
 7. Apply a generous amount of Grasshopper to an "X" diamond using a fan brush. Allow the points to touch, stick it above the center diamond, and press firmly to work out all the air bubbles.
 8. Repeat step 7, applying the diamond under of the center diamond.

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9. To continue the pattern, work outward from the center, adding diamonds one at a time. Alternate the colors (Kiwi and Grasshopper) as you go to build the argyle pattern.
10. Use a damp sponge to gently wipe away any excess green that has leaked from the paper. Be mindful not to lift any of the diamonds when wiping. If that happens, dip the paper in water and stick it back down.
11. Next, apply three coats of Snowflake all over the top of the plate, painting over the paper pieces.
12. When the plate starts to lose its shine, it's time to remove the paper. The paper diamonds will be shinier than the sections where the Snowflake has soaked into the bisque.
13. Peel off the diamonds that are on the edges first, as they'll be hanging over the plate.
14. Next, use a straight pin to gently poke into the paper diamond pieces, then lift the pin to release the paper and remove it.
15. Leaving the shamrock paper in place for now, thin down some Christmas Tree by adding 50% water to 50% paint.
16. Use a liner brush to apply messy lines of Christmas Tree that go diagonally through each row.
17. Next, use a straight pin to gently poke inside the paper shamrock piece and scoop the pin upward to release the paper and remove.

TIPS

- Apply a generous amount of paint. It's okay if it leaks out when you press it on.
- Press firmly to work out the air bubbles, if not there will be empty spots with no color.
- Have fun and make a mess!
- Removing all the paper is the most satisfying part!

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