

Abstract Garden Painting



Create something beautiful for your home

It's a lazy sunday afternoon and you're feeling creative... Looking for something to do? Why not paint a canvas for your wall! It will make you feel productive *and* it will brighten up your home. Oh, and you'll have fun too! This abstract garden painting is great because it involves a few different painting techniques and it will add colour and interest to any room in your house.

So, just like starting a new recipe, it makes it easier if you have all the ingredients together. See below for what you'll need.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED



We used:

- 1 x medium sized bowl
- 1 x plastic cup
- 1 x 2B pencil
- Newspaper
- 2 x pieces of thick cardboard

- Micador Clean Slate Disposable Palette (or old dinner plate)
- Micador Clean Slate Stretched Canvas
- Micador Acrylic Paint (we've used Sap Green, White, Lemon Yellow and Ultramarine- use colours that will suit your home décor!)



FOLLOW THE STEPS



1. Preparation

Clear your kitchen table, spread out newspaper to cover the surface and lay your canvas flat on top of it.



2. The fun begins!

Create the large light green circles by mixing the White and three parts Sap Green. Mix these colours together in the paint palette or on the old dinner plate. Now, place the open end of the bowl into the paint. Stamp the bowl onto the canvas in a random pattern. Allow some of the circles to go off the canvas edge to create a dynamic effect.



3. Stripy Stems

Use the edge of a piece of thick cardboard and dip it into the light green paint mix you just created for Step 2. Create rough lines on the canvas by stamping the edge of the cardboard along the canvas. Shifting the card whilst stamping will help achieve a more organic line.



4. Blue Lagoon

To create the light blue colour we used one part Lemon Yellow, two parts White and three parts Ultramarine. Repeat Step 2 and 3 with this light blue paint mix. This time use the rim of the cup to make smaller circles so it doesn't turn out too uniform. You may want to create another line using this colour.



5. Going Dotty

Use a pencil to trace a light circle around the bottom of the bowl and the cup on the canvas. The other end of the pencil works as a great stamp for small dots so dip it in paint and follow your pencil line for a neat circle.

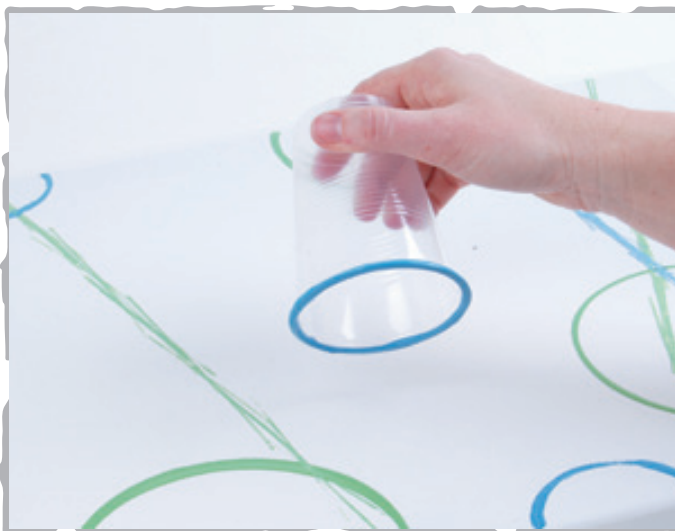


6. The Finishing Touches

Step back from your painting and see if it feels complete. You can add another line or circle if needed- but remember, less is more!

Once you are happy with the painting, hang it above your couch for all to enjoy!

HANDY TIP



Try to use colours that reflect your home, your style or your personality. Using colours that complement the colours of other objects (or a shade of a colour already present in your home) will help the canvas fit in with your decor.

