

AVERAGE DURATION

CHALLENGE LEVEL

1 hour



Fast, easy, and effective painting technique.

TECHNIQUE: ALCOHOL



MATERIALS

- Ceramic Plate, Vase, or a Mug
 - Sponge • Fan Brushes
- Medium Round Brush or Pipette
 - Rubbing Alcohol 91%
- Separate cups for alcohol and colors
 - Paints used in this project:
 - Background - 16, 14
 - Dark - 42, 2

TIPS

- Water down the dark colors.
About 50/50
- Test watered down paint on the side of the paint cup. If paint sticks to the side of the cup, it is too thick. If it runs off clean, it is too thin.
- Work in sections when applying foreground colors to avoid paint drying before coming in contact with alcohol.

THEME Techniques

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Paint the background using lighter colors. Apply 2-3 coats. Let Dry.
In featured sample, plate was painted in three different spots with pink # 16, and mint # 14 was used to cover the remaining areas of the plate. Feel free to improvise with colors and their positioning. The most important is that the background colors are not too dark.
2. Prepare! Water down darker colors in separate cups. Sample shows burgundy # 42 and dark blue # 2 as the foreground colors. Place a fan brush in each paint cup. Pour a small amount of rubbing alcohol into another cup and place a medium round brush in it. The brush can be substituted with a pipette / eye-dropper.
3. Quickly cover the pink sections of the plate with watered down burgundy color and the mint sections with dark blue color. The position of the darker color is really up to the painter! Move on to the next step before paint starts to dry.
4. Add drops of alcohol over the wet surface of the plate making the paint move away from alcohol revealing the colors underneath. Do this with a pipette or a tip of a round brush dipped in alcohol.
5. On vertical pieces, the alcohol will run down. On flat pieces, the alcohol may gather in small puddles. Dab the extra alcohol off the surface with a paper towel, or tilt the piece to have the alcohol run off.
6. Experiment by adding some lighter color swirls with a fan brush in areas wher the alcohol gathers up on the plate. The paint will react with alcohol underneath creating interesting effects.

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