AVERAGE TIME
2
HOURS

CHALLENGE LEVEL

Simple Techniques - Stunning Effects

250TH PATRIOTIC COLLECTION APPETIZER PLATE

MATERIALS

BI - MB882 Rectangle Tray
(Chesapeake DB38312 Sq. Collection Coupe)
(Gare 3083 Simply Cottage Rect. Med)
Medium Brush
Small Brush
Liner Brush
Water-Based Marker

COLORS

CMM 90 - Red Hot
CMM 64 - Sky Blue
CMM 11 - Blue Lagoon
CMM 67 - Snowflake

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INSTRUCTIONS

Base Layer:

1. Use a fan brush to apply two generous coats of Snowflake to the entire top of the plate.
2. Allow the plate to dry for a couple of minutes before moving on to your next step.

Starting the Flag:

1. Next, use a water-based marker to make a simple sketch of the flag on the inside part of the plate
2. Remember, we are not aiming for perfection here. Sketch a rectangle for the blue section of our flag, and a few loose lines for stripes. These are just guidelines; we can change them up a bit when we paint.

Striped Border:

1. Next, we're going to use a liner brush to paint stripes around the rim of the plate. Remember, this piece is meant to feel whimsical and handmade, so don't worry about making every stripe perfectly straight or evenly spaced!
2. Load your liner brush with a generous amount of Sky Blue paint.
3. Start by painting a stripe at each of the four "corners" of the plate; these stripes will be diagonal (see the photo for reference).
4. The easiest way to get the spacing of the striped border is to paint another stripe halfway between each of those first four stripes.
5. Then, continue filling in the gaps by painting a stripe halfway between the existing stripes.
6. Keep dividing the spaces and adding stripes until you've worked your way all around the rim.
7. Repeat the steps above to paint a second layer on the striped border.

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Painting the Flag:

1. Next, use a water-based marker to make a simple sketch of the flag. Remember, we are not aiming for perfection here. Sketch a rectangle for the blue section of our flag, and a few loose lines for stripes. These are just guidelines; we can change them up a bit when we paint.
2. Use a medium round brush to fill in the blue rectangle with 2 coats of Blue Lagoon.
3. Then, paint the stripes with 2 coats of Red Hot. We made the lines a little wiggly on purpose, so that everything on the piece has that handmade look.
4. Thin some Stonewashed paint with a little water using your liner brush. Make an imperfect and slightly messy outline around the flag.
5. For the "stars" in the flag, we are going to do white flowers instead. Use a water-based marker to mark where you'd like your flowers to go (just a dot).

Painting the Flowers:

1. Next, we are going to add flowers to the blue section of the flag using Snowflake and a small round brush.

- Round brushes with a good point on them make these easier.

2. To make a flower, start by placing the tip of your round brush where you want the center of the flower to be.

- Gently press the brush down and lift it back up to create a teardrop-shaped petal. The harder you press, the larger the petal will be.
- Always start near the center of the flower; repeat these steps 4 more times, arranging them in a circle to make a 5-petal flower.

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- The petals can overlap slightly—that helps give the flower a natural look.

4. Apply a second coat to each flower using the same technique.
5. When the flowers are dry, dip the handle of your liner brush into Red Hot paint, then tap a dot onto the center of each flower.

Doodle Border:

1. Use a water-based marker to create a curly-cue doodle border where the rim meets the center of the plate. We suggest using a color other than blue. We are going to paint the border blue, and having it sketched in the same color can make it difficult to see where you've painted.
2. Use a liner brush to apply one generous layer of Blue Lagoon to the doodle border.

TIPS

- This piece is supposed to be fun and whimsical; don't get stressed out trying to make things perfect!
- Practice a few flowers on your placemat before you move on to your plate if you prefer.
- All of the marker will burn away in the firing, and it will completely disappear.

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