AVERAGE TIME
2
HOURS

CHALLENGE LEVEL

Simple Techniques - Stunning Effects

250TH PATRIOTIC COLLECTION WAVY VASE

MATERIALS

DB25811 Puzzle Vase Center
Fan Brush
Medium Brush
Small Brush
Liner Brush
Water-Based Marker

COLORS

CMM 90 - Red Hot
CMM 86 - Pretty In Pink
CMM 64 - Sky Blue
CMM 11 - Blue Lagoon
CMM 67 - Snowflake

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INSTRUCTIONS

Base Layer:

1. This vase has two flat sides; those are the sides we will be painting the flags on. The other two sides are wavy; those are the sides we will apply the flowers.
2. Use a water-based marker to draw a horizontal line approximately 2 inches down from the top edge on both of the flat sides.
3. Use a medium round brush to apply 2 to 3 coats of Blue Lagoon to the space above the line you drew and step two.
4. Then, use a fan brush to apply two generous coats of Snowflake to the remaining, unpainted parts of the vase.
5. When the vase is dry, lay it down on one of the flat sides so that the other flat side faces you.

Flag Flowers:

1. 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).
2. 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.

3. 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.
- 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.

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Red Stripes:

1. Next, we are going to use a liner brush to make stripes down the remaining section on this side.
2. Load your liner brush with a generous amount of Red Hot paint. The first stripe we will do is the one down the center, which will help us lay out the rest of the stripes.
3. Continue painting strips across this side of the vase. We made the stripes about 3/8" wide and left about 3/8" between them...but you can make them as thick or as thin as you'd like.
4. Repeat for a second layer.

Floral Side:

1. Turn your vase so that one of the wavy sides is down, and the other is facing you.
2. We are going to add flowers all over this side of the vase, alternating between Red Hot, Blue Lagoon, Pretty in Pink, and Sky Blue. Round brushes with a good point on them make these easier; you'll need a small and a medium round brush.
3. 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. We want them all to be slightly different in size, even when using the same-sized brush.
5. 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.
6. The petals can overlap slightly—that helps give the flower a natural look.
7. Continue making flowers, alternating colors and sizes, until you've filled this side of the vase. You can even make flowers that extend beyond the rim.
8. After you've finished the first coat of flowers, apply a second coat to each flower using the same technique.

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The Two Other Sides:

1. Follow the steps listed above and paint the other flat side of the vase with flowers and stripes.
2. Then paint the other wavy side of the vase with flowers.

Flower Details:

1. Next, we are going to add some quick details to the flowers on the rim. First, thin down some Snowflake paint by mixing in a small amount of water.
2. Load up a liner brush with the thinned-down snowflake paint.
3. Start at the center of the flower and drag the brush outward to create lines on the petals. On the larger flowers, we did a couple of lines on each petal, and on the small flowers. We only did one.
4. For the centers of the flowers, we are going to tap on a couple of dots of paint.

- For the red and light blue flowers, we will use Blue Lagoon paint.
- For the dark blue and pink flowers, we will use Red Hot paint.
- Dip the handle of the liner brush into paint, and tap the brush in the center of the flower a few times to make a funky center.

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 piece if you prefer.
- Sometimes you need to add a sixth petal to fill out the flower shape; that's okay! We promise, no one is coming around to count!
- Turn your piece as you work instead of your hand to make it easier to place the petals.

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