

AVERAGE TIME

CHALLENGE LEVEL

2
HOURS



Simple Techniques - Stunning Effects

WATERCOLOR MUSHROOMS MUG



MATERIALS

CCX996 16oz. Mug
NCR Mushroom Pattern
Red Pen
Liner Brush
Fan Brush
Small Round Brush
Medium Round Brush

COLORS

CMM 72 - Sahara
CMM 19 - Banana Boat
CMM 82 - Olive You
CMM 105 - Storm
CMM 12 - Mocha Java
CMM 90 - Red Hot
CMM 18 - Pumpkin Pie
CMM 73 - Honeycomb
CMM 15 - Mississippi Mud

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Start by thinning down the Sahara paint by adding 50% water to 50% paint. Load up the fan brush and sweep the brush back and forth across the outside of the mug. Repeat for a second layer. Allow the mug to dry for a few minutes.
2. Next, we are going to trace on the NCR pattern to the side of the mug. Use a red pen to firmly trace over all of the lines. Before you remove the pattern, hold it in place on the corner and peel back the pattern to check and see if you've traced on all of the lines.
3. Paint the inside of the mug with 3 coats of Pumpkin Pie.
4. To fill in the design, we are going to use a method called "Drop & Fill". First we are going to thin down the colors. We are going to mix 60% water to 40% paint to the following colors: Banana Boat, Olive You, Pink Berry, Storm, Mocha Java, Red Hot, Pumpkin Pie, Honeycomb, and Mississippi Mud.
5. To fill in the sections in we are going load up a brush with the watered down paint and drop the paint into the section we are filling in. Then, use the tip of the brush to gently move the paint around. Start by using a liner brush to fill in the leaves with both Banana Boat, and Olive You. To create the watercolor effect we are going to let the two colors swirl together where they meet, adding more paint when needed.
6. Load up a brush and fill in the stems with both Storm and Mocha Java. To create the watercolor effect, let the two colors swirl together and let them overlap, adding in more paint when needed.
7. Use a small brush to fill in the cap of the larger red mushroom. Load up the brush with the watered down Red Hot and drop paint into the section. Dip the brush in water and slide the red paint around to give the watercolor effect.
8. Fill in the cap of the two mushrooms on the left by loading up the brush with the watered down Banana Boat and Pumpkin Pie. To create the watercolor effect allow the two colors to swirl together where they meet, adding in more paint when needed.
9. For the tall dark brown mushroom, use a liner brush and watered down Mississippi Mud. Drop the paint into the section. Dip the brush in water and slide the brown paint around to give the watercolor effect.
10. Fill in the remaining cone shaped mushrooms using a liner brush and Red Hot, Pumpkin Pie, and Banana Boat. Let the colors swirl together and overlap, adding in more paint when needed.
11. Next we are going to fill in the underside of the mushroom caps. For the dark brown mushroom, we used the watered down Mocha Java. The remaining mushrooms we used Storm to fill in the underside of the mushroom caps.
12. Use a liner brush and add a couple of lines of Mocha Java to the undersides of the larger mushrooms.
13. Paint the handle of the mug with three coats of Banana Boat (not watered down) using a medium brush.
14. Finally, add some splatter to the mug. Dip the small brush into the watered down Pumpkin Pie and pull the bristles back to flick the paint onto the mug. Repeat with Red Hot.

TIPS

- In order to get the watercolor effect, it's important to drop a ball of paint down and gently move the paint around with the tip of the brush. There should be a heavy layer of the watery paint. This will result in water color effect without having streaky brushstrokes.
- When using the watercolor technique with a single color, add in more water to give the varying tones.

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