

WORKSHOP: "MUG PAINTING"



Summary: We will create designs, transfer, paint and seal them onto glasses and mugs. Pre-made designs are available if needed and these instructions include how to care for your creations in daily use.

Materials and Equipment:

dimensional fabric paint
acrylic paints, assorted colours
acrylic paint marker
1 bottle clear nail polish
glass mug
glass jar with lid
sample images

small paint brushes
carbon paper
sketch paper
masking tape
pencil and eraser
scissors
hair dryer with a cool setting (optional)

Class Plan:

1. Sketch a design for your mug/glass or choose from the options provided by the instructor.
2. Cut out your design leaving white space all around it.
3. Tape a similar size piece of carbon paper onto your mug and then tape your design over top of this. Avoid placing your design where your mouth will touch your mug when drinking or on the handle where you hold the mug. Think about which side you want your design on or perhaps you have created a design that goes all the way around.
4. Trace your design onto your mug, going over all the lines with your pencil. This will transfer the design onto your mug.



5. Avoid rubbing your fingers over your design, which can smudge it and transfer carbon finger prints to other areas of your mug. Wipe these off with soapy water.
6. Trace the lines of your drawing using dimensional fabric paint tubes. This can be done in just one colour or an assortment. Squeeze gently and move steadily. Practicing on a paper beforehand gives more control and avoids lumpy lines.



7. Allow your lines to dry. If the activity is being done in one class or you have your own, use a hair dryer on a cool low setting to dry the paints in a few minutes. Do not use the hair dryer on high because the air will blow the paint out of position.
8. Optional: fill in the spaces of your design with acrylic paint and paint brushes in any or many colours. Alternatively the spaces can be left empty or even filled in with the dimensional fabric paint instead. Avoid applying paint extremely thick, otherwise it is more likely to come off later.



9. Allow your paint to dry. This can again be sped up with a hair dryer on a low speed, cool setting.
10. Once completely dry, apply a coat of clear nail polish over all of the paint on the mug/glass and beyond the edges of the paint at least 1/8".
11. Allow the nail polish to dry.
12. Wash your mug/glass before using with drinks/food.
13. Hand washing your mug/glass is recommended to make it last longer, but our experiments showed the painted designs surviving multiple passes through the dishwasher.
14. If your mug/glass is labelled as microwave safe it can go in the microwave as long as you have NOT USED ANY METALLIC PAINTS in your design. NEVER place anything metal in a microwave to avoid fire and sparking.

Trouble Shooting:

- If you aren't happy with your transferred design, the carbon paper outline can be washed off with soap and water.
- If a design goes wrong at the paint stage, a Q-tip or piece of fabric over a pointed craft stick can be used to wipe off small sections of it.

- If your hands wobble during paint application with the bottles, try using a paint marker instead.
- Wet paint can be wiped off for another attempt if you aren't happy with your design.
- There was one occurrence of the nail polish sealant peeling off of the mug. To avoid this ensure the paint has thoroughly dried first and avoid leaving it to dry in hot conditions. If peeling occurs, peel all of that section off and redecorate.



- There are also special glass paints available in stores that can be baked onto the glass for greater permanence. We chose this method for repurposing, experimenting and to be able to offer it in remote learning format.