

Adult Takeaway Craft: Painting with Buttons

SUPPLIES

Included

- Buttons & beads (mixed)
- 4x6 canvas
- Mini tacky glue
- Paint
- Paint brush
- Foam brush

Not included (all optional)

- Water cup to rinse brushes
- Paper or cloth to cover table
- Printed silhouette design
- Scissors to cut out design
- Pencil

DIRECTIONS

1. *Note: you can paint whatever you want to for the background, a pattern, a solid color, The below directions are for the faded effect in the example.
2. Using a dry foam brush, paint the background white
3. Do not clean the brush
4. Tip the brush in your first color, and gently swish back and forth to blend along the top third
5. Do not clean the brush
6. Tip the other edge of the brush into your next color, and gently swish back and forth along the middle portion
7. Do not clean the brush
8. Tip your brush in your third color choice, and gently swish back and forth along the bottom portion
9. Lightly work the brush back and forth while moving up and down the painting to blend the colors (always go in the same back and forth motion, to keep brush strokes even)
10. Don't blend too much, you don't want to make it all one color, you want the individual colors to show, but to not have clear lines between them, like stripes
11. (Unless you want stripes, in that case, stripe away!)
12. Let dry once you're satisfied with your background.
13. Once dry, you have two choices
 14. You could find a shape somewhere, cut it out, and trace lightly with a pencil
 15. Once traced, you can fill in the shape using the thin paintbrush with one of your colors, then let it dry.
 16. OR, You can opt to skip that and move onto the next step
17. With a painted shape, or directly onto the background, once dry, place the buttons down and arrange how you like
18. Move the buttons around until you're happy, then you can start gluing them down. The glue should dry clear in a day or so, depending on how much glue is used.



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Happy Crafting! —Amanda

