AVERAGE TIME
2.5
HOURS

CHALLENGE LEVEL

Simple Techniques - Stunning Effects

250TH PATRIOTIC COLLECTION RIMMED DINNER PLATE

MATERIALS

CCX156 Rimmed Dinner 10"
Fan Brush
Medium Brush
Small Brush
Liner Brush
1/2" Sponge Dotter
Water-Based Marker
Rubber Stamp Alphabet & Numbers Set*
Scissors
Copy Paper
Straight Pin

COLORS

CMM 90 - Red Hot
CMM 86 - Pretty In Pink
CMM 64 - Sky Blue
CMM 11 - Blue Lagoon
CMM 67 - Snowflake
CMM 2 - Stonewashed

*Rubber stamp sets are on Amazon under "Pegz Alphabet Stamps Clickable"

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INSTRUCTIONS

Base Layer:

1. Use a fan brush to apply two generous coats of Snowflake to the top of the plate. Allow the plate to dry for a couple of minutes before moving on to your next step.
2. While you were waiting for the plate to dry, use your scissors to cut a rectangle out of your copy paper. It doesn't need to be perfect; ours was approximately 2.5" x 3".
3. Dip the paper rectangle into clean water and place it in the center of the plate.
4. Use a fan brush to apply some Snowflake paint over the paper rectangle. This will help to seal the edges down. Allow the plate to dry for a couple of minutes before moving on to your next step.

Striped Center:

1. Next, we are going to use a liner brush to make stripes in the center of our plate. This entire piece is meant to look imperfect and whimsical; after all, it's handmade pottery!
2. Load your liner brush with a generous amount of Sky Blue paint. The first stripe we will do is the one down the center, which will help us lay out the rest of the stripes.

- It's okay if some Sky Blue gets onto the rim; we can wipe off any excess before painting the rim.

3. Continue painting strips across the center of the plate. We made the stripes about 1/2" wide and left about 1/2" between them. Repeat for a second layer.
4. When the shine on the Sky Blue paint starts to fade, use a straight pin to remove the paper rectangle at the center of the plate.
5. To remove the paper, avoid picking at the edges, as this can scratch the background color. Instead, use a straight pin and poke it about ¼ of an inch in from the corner of the paper.
6. Gently lift upward with the pin to release the paper. Once it loosens, peel the piece off and throw it away.

Floral Rim:

1. Next, we are going to add flowers around the rim, 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.

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2. To make a flower, start by placing the tip of your round brush where you want the center of the flower to be.
3. 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.
4. 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.

5. Continue making flowers, alternating colors and sizes, until you've filled the rim. You can even make flowers that extend beyond the rim.
6. After your rim is covered in flowers, apply a second coat to each flower using the same technique.

Flag in Center:

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 small brush to fill in the blue rectangle with 2 coats of Blue Lagoon.
3. Then, use a liner brush to paint the stripes with 2 coats of Red Hot. We made the lines a little wiggly on purpose, so that everything on the plate has that handmade look.

. Next, thin down some Stonewashed paint by adding a little water with your liner brush. Make an imperfect and slightly messy outline around the flag.

. For the stars in the flag, we are going to do just white dots. You can use a water-based marker to plan where you'd like your dots to go. Remember, this flag is whimsical and doesn't have an accurate stars or stripes count!

6. Dip the handle of a liner brush into Snowflake paint and tap where you want each star to go.

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.

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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.

Word Stamps:

1. We are going to use the alphabet/numbers stamps to apply the words to the center of the plate. If you prefer to use a brush or a writer bottle, feel free!
2. The stamps we used click together to make words. You might.
3. Dip a small sponge dotter into Stonewashed paint. Tap the sponge vigorously onto the palette to help evenly distribute the paint into the sponge.
4. Gently tap a light layer of paint using the sponge.
5. Using the photo as a guide (or choose your own phrase), press the stamps onto the plate and gently rock them to ensure they have printed the entire word. Repeat for the remaining words.

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 rim 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.
- The stamps we used click together to make words. You might not have enough of each letter to connect all the words at one time. You can always work one word at a time.

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