AVERAGE TIME
2.5
HOURS

CHALLENGE LEVEL

Simple Techniques - Stunning Effects

250TH PATRIOTIC COLLECTION STRIPED MUG

MATERIALS

CCX995 12 oz Mug
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 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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Base Layer:

1. Use a fan brush to apply two generous coats of Snowflake to the entire outside of the mug. Allow the mug to dry for a couple of minutes before moving on to your next step.
2. While you were waiting for the mug 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" x 3".
3. Dip the paper rectangle into clean water and place it on the side of the mug.
4. Use a fan brush to apply some Snowflake paint over the paper rectangle. This will help to seal the edges down. Allow the mug to dry for a couple of minutes before moving on to your next step.

Striped Outside:

1. Next, we are going to use a liner brush to make stripes around the outside of our mug. 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 next to the handle, so we can work our way around.
3. Continue painting strips around the entire mug. 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.
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.

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6. Gently lift upward with the pin to release the paper. Once it loosens, peel the piece off and throw it away.

Starting the Flag:

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 piece has that handmade look.

Handle & Inside Color:

1. Use a round brush to apply 2-3 coats of Blue Lagoon to the handle.
2. Use a fan brush to apply three generous coats of Red Hot to the inside of the mug.

Finishing the Flag:

1. Thin some Stonewashed paint with a little water using your liner brush. Make an imperfect and slightly messy outline around the flag.
2. 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!
3. Dip the handle of a liner brush into Snowflake paint and tap where you want each star to go.

Flowers on the Handle:

1. Next, we are going to add flowers on the handle using Snowflake and a small round brush.

- Round brushes with a good point on them make these easier.

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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.
- 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.

3. Continue making flowers going down the handle.
4. After your rim is covered in flowers, 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 and tap a dot onto the center of each flower.

<u>Word Stamps:</u>

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.
   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.

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 handle if you prefer.
- 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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