

Project Materials

Stretched Canvas _____

Two square canvases, 10" x 10"

Suggested Acrylic Colors _____

Small tubes of these colors:

Yellow Ochre or Yellow Oxide

Cobalt Blue or Cerulean Blue

Titanium White

Other Supplies _____

- 1" - 2" brush
- Color mixing cup(s) or palette
- Palette/mixing knife
- 3/4" Masking or Artist Tape



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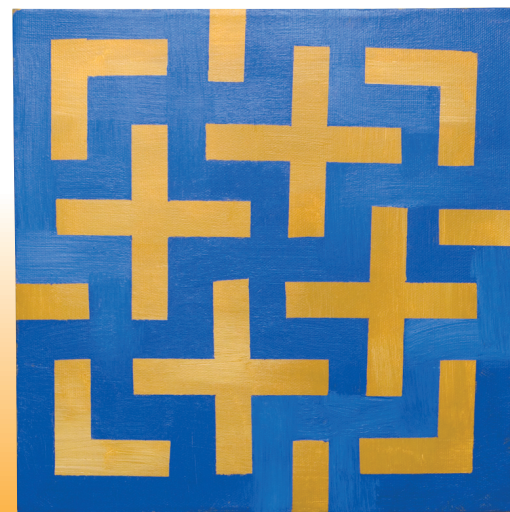
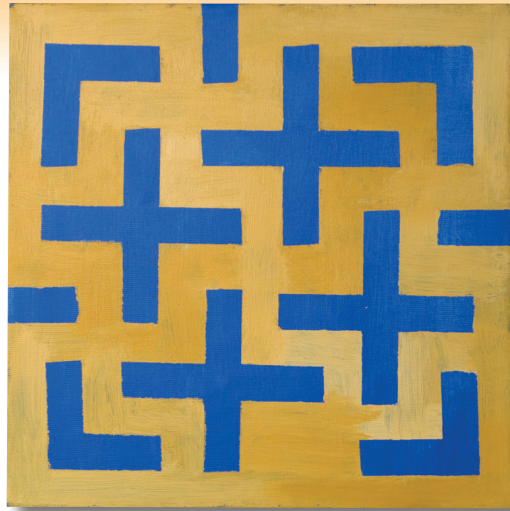
project sheet



Project Idea:

Mediterranean Tiles

Follow the instructions in the project sheet to create the design shown here, or let your imagination be your guide. You can use the suggested colors and shapes, or choose your own. Remember, it's your choice, so have fun with it.



Project Difficulty Level: EASY

canvas décor project: Mediterranean Tiles



Project Concept

PROJECT TIME: Approximately 1 HOUR + drying time
PROJECT DIFFICULTY LEVEL: EASY

The goal of this project is to create a design on canvas using a technique called masking. With this technique, you'll use removable tape to temporarily cover, or mask, areas of the canvas to shield them from the application of a color. Removing the masking tape reveals the underlying color and design.

Part 1: Base Colors

Yellow Ochre or Yellow Oxide

Cobalt Blue or Cerulean Blue

Titanium White

Create a base of color on each canvas. The following color mixing instructions will get you started. Modify them to achieve precisely the colors you want.

Canvas 1: Mix Yellow Ochre and a small amount of White for a medium yellow. Paint the surface and sides of the first canvas.

Canvas 2: Mix Cobalt Blue and a small amount of White for a deep to medium blue. Paint the surface and sides of the second canvas.

Apply two coats if necessary to completely color the canvases. Set the canvases aside to dry.

Mixing & Application Tips:

Thin acrylic color with a little water to make it spread easier. Don't worry about mixing the color to the extent that it becomes completely uniform. Some variation in color and brush stroke texture will add character to your art. Wash the brush thoroughly with water between each application of color. Never allow acrylic color to dry on the brush.

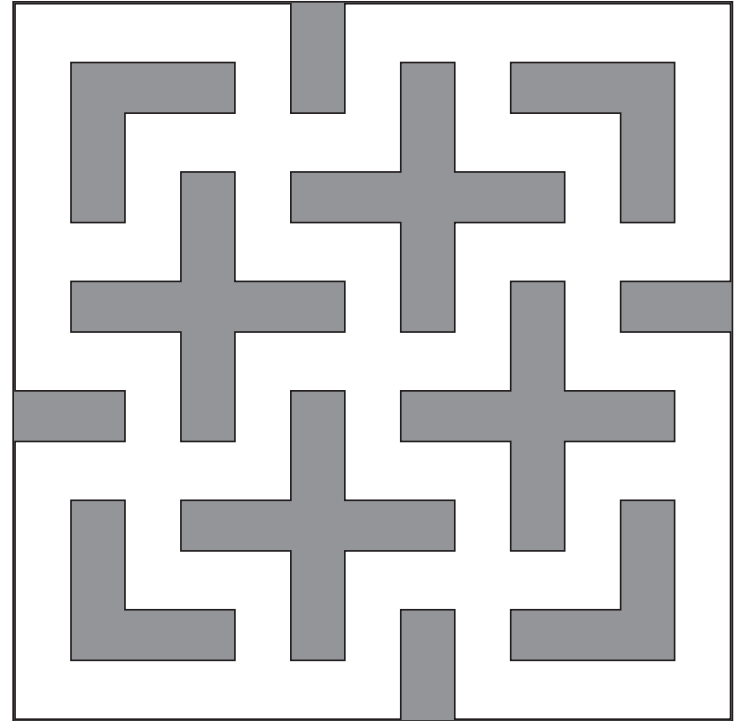
Part 2: Masking the Design

Once the canvases are dry, mask out the areas of the design with strips of 3/4" masking or artist tape as shown above. Start by establishing the corners (about 3/4" from the canvas edges) and work inward. Use a straightedge or ruler to line up the strips of tape evenly. The approximate lengths of tape for each shape are:

Alternate: Enlarge the design above to actual size using a photocopier, then use transfer paper to mark the positions for the the tape onto the canvas.

Part 2, continued: Masking the Design

Repeat the same design on each canvas.



2-1/4"

1-1/2"

3-7/8"



Part 3: Secondary Color Layer

Canvas 1: Mix Cobalt Blue and some White for a medium blue. Paint the surface of the yellow canvas, covering all the areas not masked by the tape. It's okay to paint over the tape itself.

Canvas 2: Mix Yellow Ochre and some White for a medium to light yellow. Paint the surface of the blue canvas. Leave the sides as they are.

Allow the canvases to dry completely. Remove the tape strips, and your décor canvas project is complete.

Finally, hang your completed artwork, either side by side or vertically. Nice work!

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