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Project Materials

Stretched Canvas _____

Three canvases, 12" x 30" (or similar aspect ratio)

Suggested Acrylic Colors _____

Small tubes of these colors:

Phthalo Blue

Cobalt Blue

Burnt Sienna

Titanium White



Other Supplies _____

- Small, medium & large brushes
- Color mixing cup(s) or palette
- Palette/mixing knife
- Spatter or Bottle Brush (optional)
- Sponge



Project Idea: *Night Horizon*

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

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Project Concept

PROJECT TIME: Approximately 2 HOURS + plus drying time

PROJECT DIFFICULTY LEVEL: EASY

In this project you'll draw a simple design onto canvas and then mix different colors and paint in the design.

Part 1: Drawing the Horizon

Lay the three canvases out on a large work surface as you intend to hang them when finished, with some space in between each. Starting at about one third to one half way up the canvas, lightly draw in a horizon with a pencil. Give the horizon peaks and valleys to create visual interest.

Part 2: Painting the Design

The following color mixing instructions will get you started. Modify them to achieve precisely the colors you want. Start by painting the sky first, then the stars, moon and finally the horizon. Apply two coats of any color if necessary to completely color the canvases.

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, continued: Painting the Design

Phthalo Blue
Cobalt Blue
Burnt Sienna
Titanium White

Sky: Mix Cobalt Blue with some White to make a deep to medium blue. You can even make a gradient of color from deep blue to medium blue as the sky approaches the horizon. Play with mixing in varying amounts of white. Paint the sky area.

Stars: Mix White and a tiny amount of Cobalt Blue with enough water to make a runny glaze. Use the spatter brush to spatter the glaze like tiny stars randomly across the sky. (Alternately, use a firm bristle brush and flick it with your finger to spatter the color.) Allow the sky to dry.

Moon: Using a compass (or a round household item like a jar or plate) lightly pencil in a circle on the middle canvas for the moon. Lightly pencil in a crescent within the circle. Mix White with a small amount of Cobalt Blue for slightly tinted white. Paint the crescent. Allow it to dry. Next, you can choose to lightly paint in the dark part of the moon as it might faintly appear in the sky. Mix the same color as above with water for a thin glaze. Paint in the rest of the circle, then before it dries, use a sponge to gently dab and remove most of the color, leaving a textured pattern of faint white.

Horizon: Mix Phthalo Blue with Burnt Sienna and some White for a deep navy blue. Paint the horizon and the sides of the canvas.



Finally, set the canvases aside to dry and then hang your completed artwork. Nice work!

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