

elements

canvas for home décor



Project Idea: Water Lilies

What an easy and affordable way to create original art for your home! Add some color to these canvases and they will transform your living space.



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

First, evaluate your space for colors, shapes and existing style. Next, choose a color scheme that compliments the room. Finally, pick up the project materials and start your home décor project.

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Project Materials

Acrylic Colors

Small tubes, at least 2 oz. (60ml) of these acrylic colors:

Cobalt Blue
Quinacridone Magenta
Cadmium Yellow
Titanium White



Other Supplies

- Small & medium brushes
- Color mixing cup(s) or palette
- Palette/mixing knife
- Tracing projector (or transfer paper if you want to download and print a full-size design from our Web site)



Project Difficulty Level:
INTERMEDIATE

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Project Concept

PROJECT TIME: Approximately 2-3 HOURS + drying time
PROJECT DIFFICULTY LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

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

Part 1: Tracing the Design

Using the design outline below, use a tracer projector to project the design onto the canvases and trace lightly along the outline with a pencil. Follow the instructions for the projector for more details on how to project the image.

Alternative: Instead of using a projector, you may transfer the design using transfer paper. Visit the Web site www.Art-Alternatives.com and look for Elements Projects to download a full-size printable PDF. Or, enlarge the outlines below with a photocopier. Follow the transfer paper instructions.

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 background first, then the flowers. Apply two coats of color if necessary.

Part 2, continued: Painting the Design

Cobalt Blue	Cadmium Yellow
Quinacridone Magenta	Titanium White

Background: Mix Blue with a small amount of Magenta and some White to make a medium indigo blue. Paint the background areas and sides of the canvases. You can vary the tint from canvas to canvas for variety. Use care when painting around the shapes that make up the foreground elements. Keep in mind, however, that any rough edges can be corrected when you apply the foreground colors.

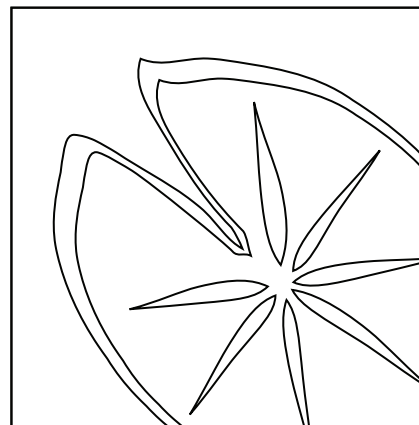
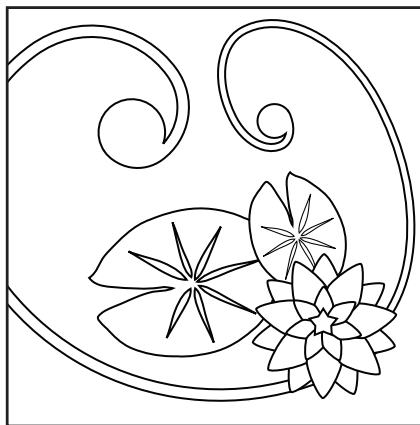
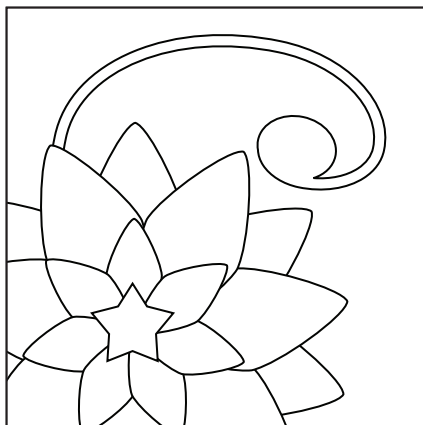
Lily Pads & Curlicues: Mix Yellow with some Blue in different amounts to create varying depths of green.

Flower Petals: Mix White with Blue in different amounts to achieve a variety of tints for inner, middle and outer petals. Outline the petals with deep blue.

Flower Center: Mix Yellow, a tiny amount of Magenta and some White.

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.



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