

## Project Materials

### Acrylic Colors

Small tubes of these colors:

Phthalo Turquoise
Cerulean Blue
Burnt Sienna
Burnt Umber
Cadmium Orange
Naphthol Crimson
Titanium White



### Acrylic Medium

- Gloss medium
- Sand or Pumice texture medium



### Other Supplies

- 1" brush, detail/liner brush
- Color mixing cup(s) or palette
- Palette/mixing knife
- Masking or Artist Tape
- Natural Sea Sponge
- Painter's/Graining Comb
- Texture Roller (optional)
- Art/Craft Knife or Stencil Cutter
- Stencil Film or Card Stock Paper
- Paper Towels or Rags

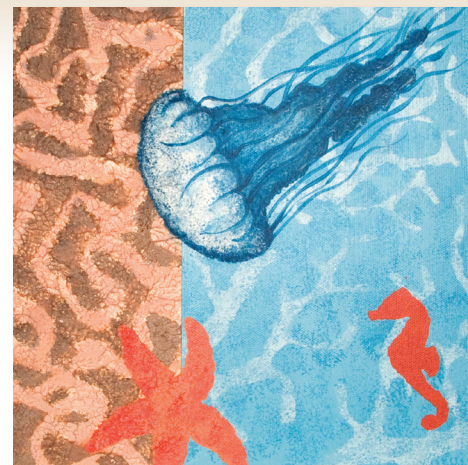


Project Difficulty Level:  
ADVANCED

**Complete  
instructions  
on reverse**

# elements

canvas for home décor



## Project Idea: Seaside Stencils

What an easy and affordable way to create original art for your home! Add color, shape and texture to these canvases to 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 and shapes, or choose your own. Remember, it's your choice, so have fun with it.

This project offers a lot of possibility for creative choices. You'll need a computer with internet access to download and print the stencils from [www.Art-Alternatives.com](http://www.Art-Alternatives.com) – or create your very own using these ideas as inspiration!

# elements project: Seaside Stencils



## Project Concept

PROJECT PREPARATION TIME: 2 HOURS (cutting stencils)  
PROJECT TIME: Approximately 2 HOURS + drying time  
PROJECT DIFFICULTY LEVEL: ADVANCED

The goal of this project is to create a design on canvas using multiple layers of color, shape and texture. First, you'll apply background colors and texture, then add design elements using stencils.

## Preparing the Stencils

To get the stencils featured in this project, visit [www.Art-Alternatives.com](http://www.Art-Alternatives.com) and look for Elements Canvas for Home Décor project sheets. Stencil templates are available to download and print.

Print out the stencils of your choice. Use the shapes and sizes shown here, or choose your own arrangement. You may print directly to card stock and then cut out the stencils, or, if you're using stencil film, place the printed stencil template beneath the film as a guide for cutting.

## Foundation Color & Texture

- Use masking tape to section off areas A and E.
- Mix Turquoise and Blue for a teal color. Add White to achieve desired shade. Paint area A a light teal.
- Lighten teal color even more with white. Paint area E. Allow both to dry.
- Mix medium teal color with gloss medium to make a glaze. Paint over the foundation of area A. While still wet, use the texture comb to wipe-out wavy lines revealing the lighter color below.
- Place the 6.5" Coral stencil over area E and hold in place with tape. Use the sponge to dab on a thin glaze of white color thinned with water. Allow areas A and E to dry.
- Remove tape from current position. Use tape to mask off area B.
- Mix a dark teal and apply to Area B with texture roller, or by hand with a liner brush. Allow to dry.
- Remove tape, and reapply to mask off areas C and D.

## Foundation Color & Texture, continued

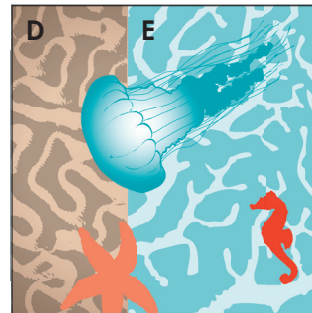
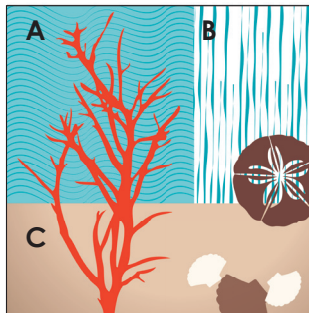
- Mix White, Burnt Sienna and Burnt Umber for sand color. Mix with sand or pumice texture medium. Apply a generous layer to area C, and use palette knife, sponge or a brush to smooth out or build up texture as desired.
- Mix White with Burnt Sienna for pale coral color and mix with sand or pumice medium. Apply generously to area D, and create body and texture with a sponge or brush to build up a rough texture and dimension. Allow to dry.
- Place 3.5" Coral stencil over area D and tape in place. Mix White with Burnt Umber and Burnt Sienna for a darker shade and apply with a sponge to stencil on Area D. Allow to dry. Remove tape.

## Adding Stencil Design Elements

- Choose the selection of stencils and arrangement you want to use. Tape them in place. Mix Orange and Crimson for bright coral color. Mix Burnt Umber and White for brown. Use White to adjust the shades as you like. Apply color to stenciled areas with the sponge.
- You may use a wipe-out tool, or brush end to remove wet paint and create details on the stenciled designs, or use a small brush to apply details.

## Alternatives

If you are really ambitious, you may want to create your own stencils. Use photos of sealife from magazines or the internet as guides. You may wish to paint the designs freehand. Other ideas: Use a glue gun to attach real shells; mix real beach sand with clear medium for texture; choose different colors and experiment with mixing. Enjoy!



Hang your completed artwork side by side or vertically. Congratulations!