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project sheet



Project Idea: *Birds of Paradise*

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.

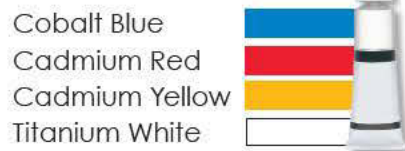
Project Materials

Stretched Canvas _____

Two square canvases, 16" x 16"

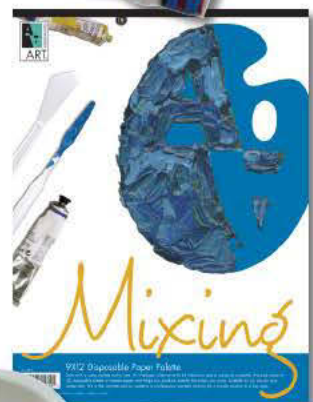
Suggested Acrylic Colors _____

Small tubes of these colors:



Other Supplies _____

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



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, project the design onto the canvases with a projector and lightly trace the edges with a pencil. Follow the projector instructions for details on its use.

Alternative: Instead of using a projector, you may transfer the design using transfer paper and a full size print-out of the design (included in this document). Follow the transfer paper instructions.

Part 2: Painting the Design

These color mixing instructions will get you started. Modify them to achieve precisely the colors you want. Start by painting the background first, then the leaves and flowers. Apply two coats of color if necessary to completely cover the canvases.

Part 2, cont.: Color Mixing

Cadmium Yellow	Cobalt Blue
Cadmium Red	Titanium White

Mixing & Application Tips:

Thin acrylic color with some water to make it spread easier. Don't worry about mixing colors 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.

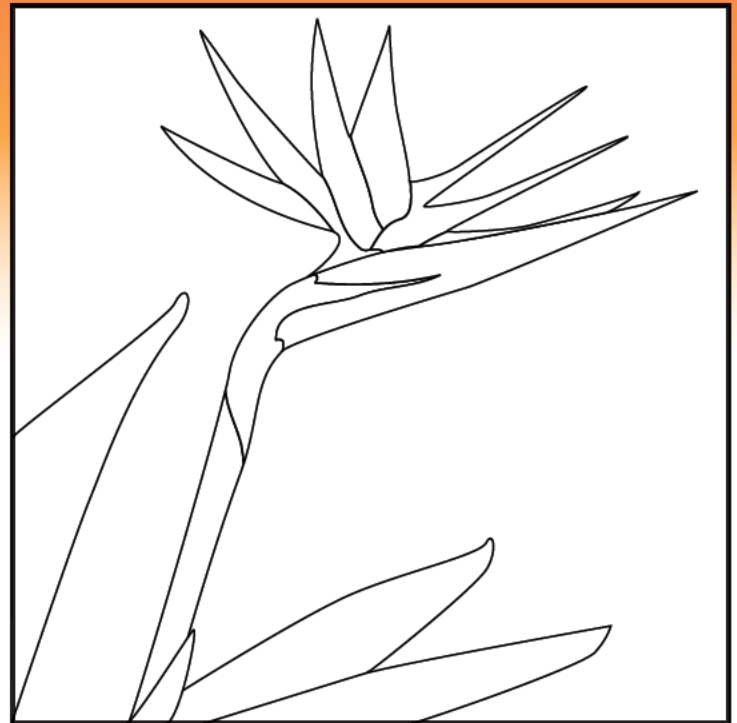
Background: Mix Yellow with White and a tiny amount of Red to make a buttery yellow. Paint the background areas and sides of the canvases.

Leaves and stems: Mix Blue with Yellow and some White for varying shades of green.

Red Accents: Mix Red with small amounts of Yellow and White to create varying shades of red.

Petals: Mix Yellow with Red and White to create varying shades of orange.

Blue pistils: Mix Blue with a small amount of White.



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

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