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# canvas décor

project sheet



## Project Idea: *Shimmering Blossoms*

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 canvases, 12" x 30" or same aspect ratio

#### Suggested Acrylic Colors \_\_\_\_\_

Small tubes of these colors:

Dioxazine Purple



Quinacridone Magenta



Pearlescent White



#### Other Supplies \_\_\_\_\_

- Small, medium & large 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 + plus 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 edges with a pencil. Follow the instructions that came with your projector for more details on how to project the image.

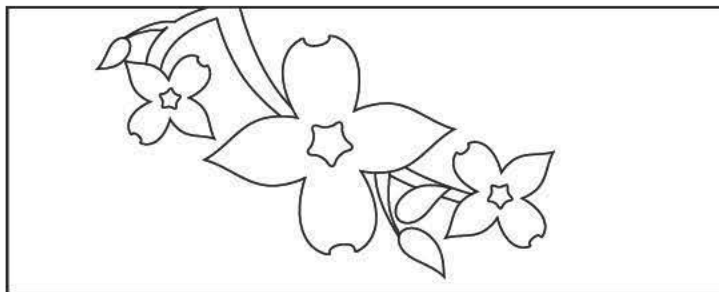
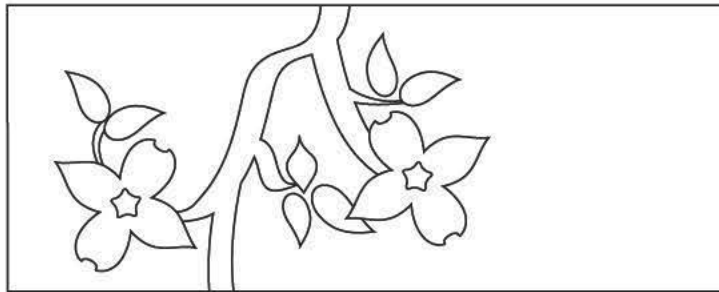
**Alternative:** Instead of using a projector, you may transfer the design using transfer paper and a full size print-out of the design (included in this document).

Follow the transfer paper instructions.

## Part 2: Painting the Design

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 branches and leaves and finally the flowers. Apply two coats of any of the colors if necessary to completely color the canvases.

Dioxazine Purple
Quinacridone Magenta
Pearlescent White



## Part 2, cont.: Painting the Design—Color Mixing

**Background:** Mix Purple with small amounts of both Magenta and Pearl White to make a deep, slightly shimmering, warm purple. Paint the background areas and sides of the canvases. Use care when painting around the edges of 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.

**Branches:** Mix Purple and Pearl White for light, pearlescent purple.

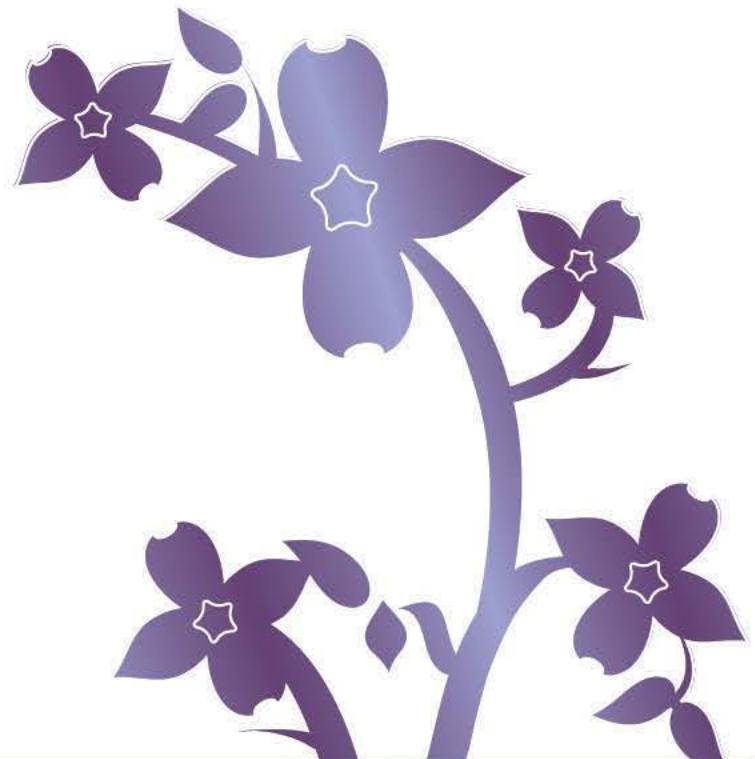
**Leaves:** Mix Magenta with Pearl White and a tiny amount of Purple for light, pearlescent pink.

**Flower Petals:** Mix Pearl White with a tiny amount of purple for slightly tinted shimmering pearl.

**Flower Center:** Mix Purple and some Pearl White for medium pearlescent purple.

### 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. Nice work!

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