

March Rocky Mtn Hi SDP Project Acrylic Swipe Background by Nancy Hibbert-

This will be the background for the hummingbird which Ginny will teach in April.

Here are instructions for anyone who cannot attend the March meeting, but wants to have their background ready for the April class.

Supplies- these items* will be supplied at the March meeting

Surface – I suggest glass from a cheap 8” x 10” thrift store frame (make sure it is clean!), or canvas or wood.

4-5 Acrylic colors paint- think in terms of a color family with one accent (yellows, pinks, greens). If you use darker tones, you may have to base coat the hummingbird shape before the April meeting.

*Floetrol (or Liquitex or Golden GAC) pouring medium

*100% Silicone drops or other to break paint chemical bond (like dimethicone or rubbing alcohol)

*Distilled water

*Plastic mixing cups and stir stick (like grocery store sample cups)

*Latex gloves

*Wax paper

*Paper towels

Shallow box or aluminum baking pan to transport home (the paint will be WET for about 24 hours).



1. Protect surface with newspaper or drop cloth
2. Put down sheet of wax paper and lay surface on top.
3. Select 4-5 acrylic paint colors. Put 1 tablespoon of paint in each mixing cup. Add equal amount of floetrol, mix well with stir stick. Add a drop or two of distilled water to reach a consistency of “thin honey”. Should take about one full second for the paint to drip off the end of the stir stick.
4. Add 2 drops of silicone or dimethicone (Coconut milk) to each color. Stir well.

5. Drizzle the various paint colors vertically and horizontally across the surface, making sure to get paint on all the edges. The paint doesn't have to cover 100% as it will spread during the swiping.



6. Ready to Swipe!
7. Wet paper towel (not dripping, but more than damp). Fan fold so there is about a 2" tail.
8. Gently touch the paper towel tail on the the paint at the top of the painted surface.
9. Keeping even pressure, slowly pull/ swipe the paper towel down the length of the surface. Lift and throw away.
10. If there are any spots without paint, you can dab on leftover paint with the stir stick, or you can tilt or blow. Here are some examples of what the swiped surface should look like.



11. Lift the completed surface with the wax paper base and put it in the shallow box or aluminum baking pan to transport home and dry.
12. The next day, once dry you can take the surface off the wax paper.

13. Here are some examples of a finished project with the hummingbird and flowers added in the April meeting.



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Fluid Acrylics Pouring - A new website featuring pouring. Online classes, pouring recipes, YouTube videos, supplies,
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