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AVERAGE DURATION CHALLENGE LEVEL
2 HOURS ● ○ ○ ○ ○

LEAFY VIBES

Paint a leafy vase.



- ### MATERIALS
- Small popcorn bowl SKU (G2105)
 - Medium square brush
 - Largesquare brush
 - Detail brush
 - Scissors
 - Leaf template printout
 - Toothpick
 - Paint 67, 14, 57, 59, 45, 31

- ### TIPS
- Allow paint to dry between coats.
 - Wash brush between colors
 - The paper masking technique looks intricate, but is a great technique for novice painters!
 - Use this design on any flat surfaced pottery piece!

TEMPLATE FILE NAME Leafy Vibes

THEME Plants

TAGS Leaf, Plants, Ceramic

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Start with your large brush and #67. Paint the entire outside area of the vase.

2 While the white dries, cut out the leaves from the paper template.

3 Now it's time to stick the paper leaves to the vase. It's ok if the white is not fully dry. Carefully dip the paper cutout into the bowl of water. With the paper saturated, it will stick to the white paint on the vase. Lay down the leaves at angles, and don't be afraid to lay the paper down around the corners. Continue with all 3 leaf cutouts.

4 With your large brush and #14, paint 3 solid coats over the paper around the outside of the piece.

5 Peel off the paper leaves. If any #14 paint seeps under the paper while painting the background, wait for the paint to dry and gently scratch off the paint with a toothpick.

6 With your detail brush and #57, make some mess linework inside the leaf shapes. Basically outline the shapes, but keep the lines in the middle of the white shape. Let the orange dry completely before moving on to the next step.

7 With the detail brush and #59, start drawing random "football" shapes around the vase. These will later become the leaf shapes. These are all different sizes and overlap the white leaves. Once the leaves are outlined, use your medium brush to fill in the shapes.

8 With your detail brush and #45, outline half of the football-shaped leaves. On the teal half of the leaf, draw a wavy line around the edge of the teal shape. Add in the little stem detail on one end of the leaf.

9 Using #45 and your medium brush, fill in 3 coats on the dark half of the leaf.

10 With your medium brush and #31, add in the dash marks all around the vase. The dash marks are made quickly, with a lot of paint on your brush. Don't be afraid to make marks over any leaves.

11 Without completely rinsing off your medium brush, add a touch of water to your brush and mix the water into the black paint. Hold the brush between your middle finger and thumb, with the bristles pointing upwards next to your index finger. With your index finger, tap the brush so little drips of paint start splattering over the vase. This is easiest to do if you hold the brush close to the piece.

12 Sign the bottom of your piece, and paint the inside of the vase if you would like.

13 All done!

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