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Contemporary Orchids



Hello it's Joe from Mont Marte and today we'll be throwing, brushing and pouring on paint to create these fantastic orchids.

So grab your Mont Marte art materials and ...



Material List

CMPL3060 Mont Marte Canvas Panel

30.5x60.9 cm

MPB0059 Mont Marte Artist Brush Wide 75mm

MMHS0004 Mont Marte Oil Colour Brush set in Box

MCG0009 Mont Marte Oval Wood Palette

MAXX0007Mont Marte Brush Washer Stainless SteelKMCS0001Mont Marte Kids Colour CrayonsPMDA0047Mont Marte Dimension Acrylic Pearl

Purple 75 mls

PMDA0029 Mont Marte Dimension Acrylic Phthalo

Blue 75 mls

PMDA0024 Mont Marte Dimension Acrylic Turquoise

Blue 75 mls

MCG0037 Mont Marte Acrylic Paints 12 ml 12 pce
MCG0036 Mont Marte Oil Paints 12 ml 12 pce

You will also need

Turpentine Water





Step 1: Preparing the Background

Place the Canvas in the portrait position, then with the 75 mm Brush paint half the panel Phthalo Blue and half the panel Pearl Purple. Wash and dry your brush, then blend these colours together. Allow the paint to dry before moving to the next step.



Step 2: Splattering Paint

To create the splattered effect, simply squeeze out various colours from the 12 pack Acrylics on to the Oval Palette and flick them on to the canvas. I am using Turquoise in the Dimension paint, Cobalt, Crimson and Lemon Yellow in the 12 ml Acrylic paint range. Allow the paint to dry before moving to the next step.



Step 3: Drawing your Orchids

Draw in your flowers with a White Crayon. An image for your reference has been provided on the last page of this document.





Step 4: Oil Painting the Orchids

The Orchid petals comprise of two different tones, White and Grey. Squeeze out some White and Mars Black Oil Paint. For the shadow, mix a Mid Grey from 1 part Black to 9 parts White. Refer to the downloadable PDF for the placement of these colours.



Step 5: Yellows on the Orchids

Mix 1 part Lemon Yellow Oil Paint to 1 part Scarlet Red Oil Paint and apply two small spots in the centre of the Orchid, this will be the Stamin. Now put a couple of dollops of Lemon Yellow Oil paint either side of the Stamin.



Step 6: Painting the stem

Paint the stem using Emerald Green Oil paint, Viridian Green Oil paint, and some Yellow Ochre Oil paint. First paint in the Viridian Green over the stem and buds. Now in to the wet Viridian paint in some Emerald on the top side of the buds and stem. Then lay in some Lemon Yellow on the top of the buds for a highlight. Lastly drag some Yellow Ochre along the stem.

Try using these techniques with other flowers or animals, the possibilities are countless, so until next time...



