

August 2024 Art Challenge: Faux Stained Glass

Supply List:

- One framed picture covered with glass
- One bottle of white glue
- One bottle of clear glue
- Acrylic paints: black and whatever colors you want
- Black Sharpie pen
- Craft blade
- Super glue
- Pattern
- Clear acrylic spray sealant or Mod Podge

Prep Work:

1. Enlarge your pattern to match the size of your sheet of glass.
2. Spray the glass with clear acrylic spray.
3. Lay the sheet of glass over the pattern.

Instructions:

1. Create the Faux Leading (Goth Glue):

- Pour a small amount of white glue out to make room for the paint.
- Add about a teaspoon of black acrylic paint to the glue and mix well with a wooden dowel. Ensure the color is solid black.
- Reattach the glue nozzle.
- Carefully squeeze the black glue onto the glass, following the lines of your pattern. Don't worry if your lines are shaky; you can correct them later with a craft blade once the glue is dry.

2. Add Color to Your Faux Stained Glass:

- Use a small muffin tin to mix your colors. Combine about a tablespoon of clear glue with one or two drops of acrylic paint. Mix well.

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- Using a blunt paintbrush, apply the colored glue to your design. Make sure to apply it thickly and push it up to the edges of the black lines.
- If air bubbles appear, use a toothpick to pop them.
- For a variegated marbled look, add different colors to each side of a section and blend them in the middle with your brush.
- Allow the project to dry overnight.

3. Finishing Touches:

- Use the Sharpie pen to touch up any areas where the paint may have overlapped the leading.
- Once satisfied with your work, apply a sealant to ensure your masterpiece lasts.
- Optionally, you can paint the frame to match or contrast with your artwork.

Your faux stained glass piece is now complete! This project is cost-effective and creates a beautiful piece of art comparable to expensive stained glass paints from craft stores.