

4-H GUIDELINES FOR DECORATIVE PAINTING

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS TO HELP LEADERS:

EMPHASIZE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DESIGN AND THE ITEMS IT IS USED ON.

MORE EXPERTISE SHOULD BE EVIDENT AS YEARS IN PROJECT INCREASE.

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BEGINNERS - (1 - 2 YEARS IN PROJECT)

SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS TO BE LEARNED

1. Learn basic materials
2. Learn how to care for brushes
3. Preparation of articles to be painted
4. Transferring the pattern
5. Basic brush strokes: comma stroke, side loading, use of liner brush
6. Use of some shading/highlighting on project, especially 2nd year
7. Finishing (including signing their work)

Suggested projects for beginners: Any flat wooden surface such as wall plaque, tray, cutout shape, etc.

INTERMEDIATES - (3 - 4 YEARS IN PROJECT)

SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS TO BE LEARNED:

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1. Continue using skills learned in previous years
2. Shading and washes should be used extensively
3. Experiment with materials other than wood
4. More complex patterns should be used: faces, more detail and line work
5. Antiquing completed work
6. Lettering

ADVANCED - (5 YEARS AND OVER)

SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS TO BE LEARNED:

1. Continue using skills learned in previous years
2. More elaborate and refined work
3. Extensive detail work, shading, highlighting, line work, realistic faces, etc.
4. Combine or create own designs or alter traditional designs
5. Try other surfaces