

Mini Fresco

Use watercolors to paint a spring scene on a small slab of plaster to make a mini fresco.

You will need:

- Plaster of Paris
- Measuring cup and spoons
- Disposable cup and spoon
- Mod Podge and brush
- Watercolor paints and painting supplies
- 8" X 10" piece of scrap cotton fabric (old T-shirt, etc.)
- 12" square of scrap cardboard
- 12" piece of twine
- Toothpick
- Ruler or measuring tape
- Masking tape
- Scissors



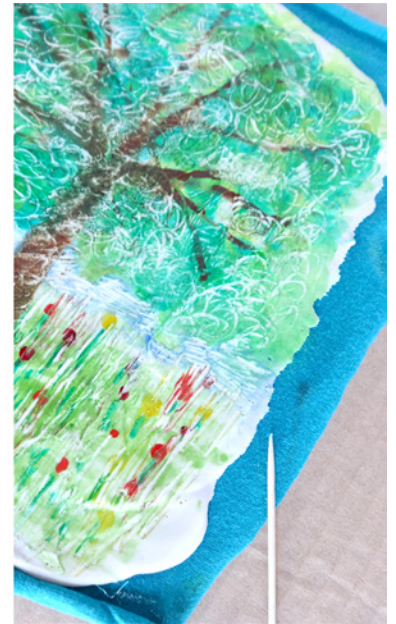
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Directions:

1. Lay the fabric on the cardboard square. Mix 1/4 cup of plaster of Paris with 2–3 tablespoons of water in the disposable cup. It should be smooth and the consistency of thick gravy.



2. Pour the plaster mixture onto the fabric, smoothing it with the back of the spoon to form a slab that's about 6" X 8". Allow the plaster to dry for 2 to 4 hours.
3. Using watercolor paint, apply brown to make a tree trunk and branches. Add green for the ground and blue for the sky.



4. Add foliage to the tree using large dabs of yellow and green paint. Use colorful dots of paint to represent flowers and thin green lines for stems.
5. Add texture (lines and/or scribbles) by scraping the plaster with a toothpick. Set your fresco aside to dry for an hour.
6. Cut off the excess fabric, leaving just 1/4" border of fabric around the plaster slab.
7. Apply a generous coat of Mod Podge over the project. Allow it to dry for about an hour. Don't worry if your plaster has cracked a bit. The cracks add to the charm, giving your piece an aged look, and the Mod Podge will help hold the pieces together.
8. Add twine for hanging by taping the ends to the back of your fresco.





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