Button Tree on Canvas

You can make a beautiful piece of art with some paint and buttons. See how I made this button tree on canvas!

Supplies

- 20 " x 24" canvas or at Michaels
- Brown metallic paint

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Buttons:

- Rustic Coconut Shell
- Sea Glass Sea Glass has been discontinued so I linked to a set with similar colors
- Earthly (The Earthly buttons that the manufacturer has is not the same as what I used so I linked to a set with similar colors
- Vacation
- Rose Garden

Lumiere dimension paints:

- Black
- Brass
- Bright Copper
- Gold Pearl

Design Master spray paints:

- Hyacinth Krylon has a similar color of the same name as well
- Aspen Yellow
- Perfect Pink
- Robin's Egg
- Blue Sky

Craft tools

- E6000 (or at Michaels)
- Liner paintbrush

Instructions

1. I started with Sky Blue, spraying one end of the canvas. Then I overlapped a bit with Robin's Egg Blue, then some Hyacinth. I sprayed the other end with Perfect Pink, then over-sprayed with Aspen Yellow.

- 2. Then I just willy nilly sprayed some blue here, yellow there, purple here, until I liked the way it looked. I allowed the canvas to dry for about an hour.
- 3. I drew a simple tree trunk onto the canvas, sketching lightly with a pencil. I drew 5 main branches, then added smaller branches off of those. When I was happy with it I used a brown metallic finish paint to fill in the tree. I used a liner brush on the smaller branches.
- 4. This is where I had a little fun with the dimensional paints! I chose the colors Black, Brass, Bright Copper and Gold Pearl. These paints come out in a nice steady stream and looked beautiful, adding a really nice dimension to the canvas.
- 5. Next I chose some of the largest buttons in each of the button collections. I was using Rustic Coconut Shell (my favorites!), Sea Glass, Earthly, Vacation and Rose Garden. I placed them in various places on the canvas.
- 6. Once I was happy with their placement, I attached them with E6000 adhesive. It took a little while, but I just kept adding different sized and colored buttons everywhere, saving the tiniest buttons for the outer edges.
- 7. That's it! A little spray paint for background effect, a simple tree drawing filled in with paint, some shimmering three dimensional paint, lots of beautiful colored buttons and some glue and you have a button tree.

Expert Tips & FAQs

These paints are sold at Michaels. Here's what they look like. Other brands will work too, whatever you prefer.

Tip: Michaels and Hobby Lobby both have a huge selection of canvases and quite often have them on sale. Or if you visit the stores often, you can use your 40% off coupon.

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