

Third Thursday: Acrylic Pour Studio

Materials Needed

- Canvas or Canvas board
- Trash bag or plastic area cover
- Craft sticks or straws
- White or clear Glue (Elmer's glue or school glue preferred)
- Dish Soap (optional)
- Water
- Acrylic paints- any quality
- Large mason jar or cup
- Small disposable cups



This is a general guide for flow painting. As you create, feel free to experiment with different techniques and mixtures. Using the above supplies will create a vivid and long-lasting artwork, but to create permanent, archival artworks for sale or display it is recommended to use a professional quality, archival flow medium. Liquitex Professional Flow Aid Effects Medium and Golden GAC800 Pouring Medium are both high quality and easily available at most art supply stores.

Instructions

Step 1: Set up your workstation by completely covering the area with trash bags or a tarp. Acrylic pouring can be very messy, so protect your furniture, floor and clothing. If possible, prop your canvas up on cups or a frame for easier cleaning.

Step 2: Mix your flow medium in a large cup or mason jar. To create flow medium, use 50% glue and 50% water. Mix well to eliminate lumps.

Step 3: Mix your Acrylic blend in small cups. Add 50% paint and 50% flow medium to the small cups and stir well until no lumps remain. Optional: Mix up an additional, thin cup of white paint to wet your canvas with before pouring.

Step 4: Pour your Acrylic paint onto your canvas with your paint cups. Combine, overlap, and drizzle paint until paint begins to flow together. Optionally, try tilting your canvas to spread out and blend the paints. Paint will continue to blend and spread until dry.

Step 5: Leave your canvas to dry for 24-48 hours. If paint bubbles, pop gently with a toothpick or fork.