

Creative Crew: "Wild about you" Frame

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Bisque: Gare #5092, 4x6 Wide Message Frame

Color: Gare FunStrokes

FS-2303 Lime Ricky FS-2314 Black Lab

FS-2374 Blue Ice FS-2395 Tin Man

FS-2376 Bouncin' Berry

Supplies:

Soft Fan Brush

#6 Round Brush

Funwriter bottles

Copies of pattern on carbon paper

Ball-point pen

Rectangle pattern

Washable Marker

Sponge



Directions:

Step 1: Pour Lime Ricky paint onto styrofoam plates. Using a soft fan brush add some water to the edge of one color and begin applying to piece in a diagonal pattern across one corner of the frame. If color is too bright blend with a fan brush with only water on it.

TIP: If this seems to be too difficult you can also have them just apply a brush stroke of paint then blend with a brush with water.

Step 2: Repeat Step 1 using Blue Ice on the opposite corner.

Step 3: Repeat Step 1 using Bouncin' Berry in the middle diagonal section of the frame.

TIP: This blending technique works better if the adjacent color is already dry before trying to blend the two together. If too much paint is pulled off during the blending, then allow to dry, apply more paint and attempt blending again.

Step 4: Once dry, trace around the rectangle pattern with a washable marker. (This area is for them to write with a dry erase marker once it is fired.) Apply 3 coats of Tin Man inside these lines with a #6 round brush. Dry with a file folder or place in front of a fan before moving on.

Step 5: Place carbon paper pattern on top of frame and trace all animal print lines using a ball-point pen.

Step 6: Using a funwriter filled with Black Lab, fill in the animal print. It's easiest to first outline the section you are working on then go back and fill in. Demonstrate for the kids an appropriate thickness of funwriter paint to avoid paint applied too thick. Also apply the dots to outline the tin man rectangle. Dry with file folders or fans, before moving on.

TIP: Since this step might take a little while to dry, now is a great break for a game.

Step 7: Using a sponge, wipe edges of frame with Black Lab. This is an easy solution to cover up the edges of the frame where the color wash was inconsistent and also to cover up any mistakes where the black lab dripped from the front of the frame.

Step 8: Using a funwriter filled with Lime Ricky, apply dots to edges of frame over black sponged wiped edges.

Alternative color scheme: Remove bouncin berry in the color wash background and replace the black lab funwriter design with bouncin berry.

