

AVERAGE TIME

2.5
HOURS

CHALLENGE LEVEL



Simple Techniques - Stunning Effects

FREAKY FLORAL DINNER PLATE



MATERIALS

DB35064 Pottery Dinner Plate
Fan Brush
Detail Brush
Liner Brush
Scissors
Straight Pin
Skull Paper Patterns
Flower Paper Patterns
Pencil or Water-Based Marker

COLORS

CMM 3 - Carnation
CMM 70 - Stardust
CMM 67 - Snowflake
CMM 18 - Pumpkin Pie
CMM 68 - Beachcomber
CMM 31 - Licorice

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Apply one generous coat of Snowflake to the top of the plate with a fan brush.
2. Cut out the skull paper pieces using scissors. We used 6 skulls on this plate, but you can add as many as you'd like.
3. Working one skull at a time, dip the paper into clean water and place it on the plate where desired. Push down the paper with your fingers to work out any air bubbles. Repeat for the remaining skulls.
4. Next, use a fan brush to apply a thin layer of Snowflake over each skull. This will help to prevent the next color from leaking under any bubbles in the paper.
5. Thin some Carnation by mixing in a little water. We added about 25% water to 75% paint. Sweep the fan brush in x-shaped motions all over the top of the plate (including over the skull papers).
6. Working one flower at a time, dip the paper into clean water and place it on the plate where desired. Push down the paper with your fingers to work out any air bubbles. Repeat for the remaining flowers.
7. Next, use a fan brush to apply a thin layer of the watered-down Carnation over each skull. This will help to prevent the next color from leaking under any bubbles in the paper.
8. Use a fan brush to apply three coats of Pumpkin Pie to the top of the plate, painting over all of the paper pieces.
9. When the background starts to lose its shine, use a straight pin to remove the paper pieces. It's best not to try to pick at the edge of the paper, as that will scratch the background color. Instead, poke the pin about 1/4" in from the edge and scoop the pin upward to release the paper. Then, peel the paper pieces off and discard them.

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10. After the background is dry, use a pencil or water-based marker to sketch out the flowers and leaves on the background, as well as the faces for the skulls. We have provided examples on the pattern page, but since each plate will have the skulls and flower shapes laid out in different places, it's easiest just to sketch.

11. Using the eraser end of a pencil (or the handle of a larger brush), dip it into Licorice paint and stamp it down on the center of the flower shapes to create the center of the flower.

12. Use a detail brush to apply two coats of Licorice to the eyes and nose on the skulls.

13. Next, we will use a detail or liner brush to fill in the flowers on the background using one heavy coat of Beachcomber.

14. Use a liner brush to fill in the leaves on the background with 1 generous coat of Stardust.

15. Next, thin down some Licorice paint with 25% water and 75% paint. Use a liner brush to apply the stems on the leaves and flowers.

16. Thin down some Stardust paint with 25% water and 75% paint. Use a liner brush to apply the lines from the center of the large flowers.

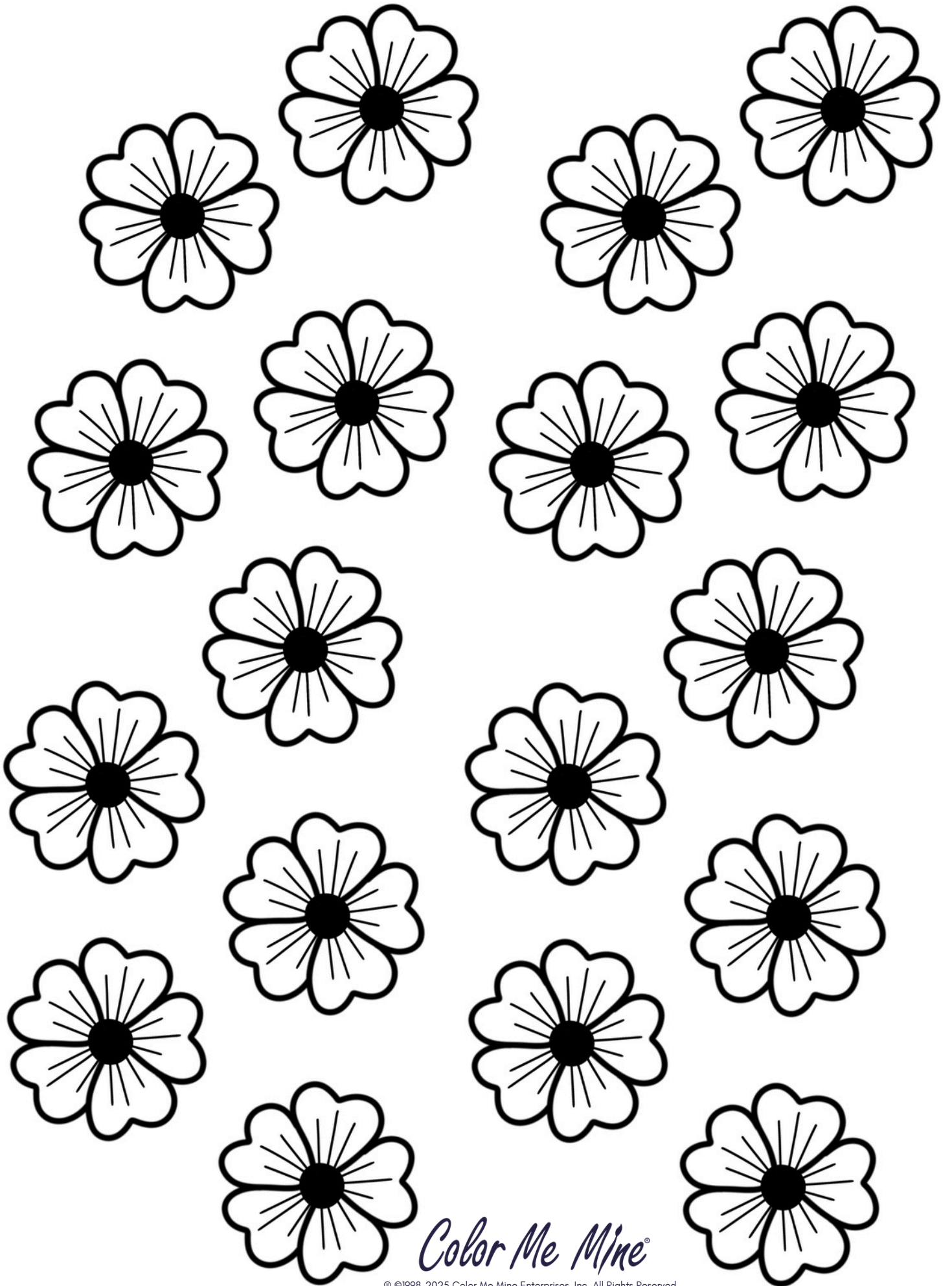
17. To fill in the tiny flowers on the background, use a detail brush to apply one heavy coat of Licorice to each flower.

18. Finally, paint the edge and the back of the plate with three generous coats of Stardust.

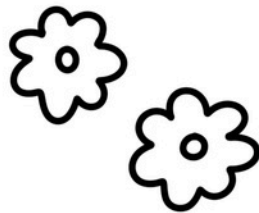
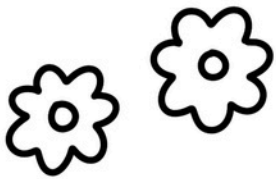
TIPS

- Painting over the paper shapes with the same color that was applied underneath them will help seal the paper and prevent the next color from bleeding through.
- Don't worry about sketching the flowers on the background; they don't need to be perfect. Have fun with it!

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