

Acrylic Pour—Information Handout Floral Designs

Basic Idea: Mix Acrylic Paint with additives to make it more runny, create features such as cells, gradients and patterns, and manipulate the paint for desired effect. May be used on a variety of porous surfaces such as rocks and canvases.

Supplies Needed:

Barrier Cream or gloves	Canvases
Rocks	Rubbing Alcohol
Rags	Water/Water Jug
Trays (to collect drips)	Freezer Paper
Masking Tape	Small Trays (4 Rocks)
Dixie Cups	Towels
Large Hog Brushes	Gloves
Press n Seal	Acrylic Paints
Floetrol	MEDIUM garbage bags
Paper Towels	Flat spatula
Plastic Putty Knife	Markers
Bottle Caps	8 oz plastic cup
Mixing Sticks	Plastic Painting Brushes/Kebab Stirring Sticks
Straws	Level
Toothpicks	9” balloons, inflated
Wet Wipes	Milk bottle caps
Small yogurt container	

Canvas Prep—

1. Select Canvas and/or Rock
2. WET back of canvas with hog bristle brush to help tighten/flatten the canvas
3. CLEAN canvas with rubbing alcohol to remove oils and residue
4. PUT masking tape on top of support cups and SET canvas on cup supports making sure cups are INSIDE the edge of the canvas. SET aside to dry
5. Think about colors you want to use— Too many colors might create unappealing areas of grey.

Paint Prep—

1. Fill 8 oz plastic cup 1/2 full with Floetrol
2. Add white acrylic paint until cup is 3/4 full. Add more Floetrol if too thick, more white paint if too runny. Mix with stirring stick

3. Mix colors in 3-4 oz plastic container with nozzle according to the following proportions: 40gms Floetrol + 20gms acrylic paint + 15gms water. Using a scale that can be zeroed in-between ingredients is helpful. You can cut the amounts in half if you are creating a small project, or you can double the amounts if a large projects. The paint mixture will keep for approximately 1-2 weeks if kept tightly covered.
4. For the class, the Floetrol and water have already been added to the bottles. You just need to add the 20gms of acrylic paint.
5. Shake the bottles well to mix.

For additional ideas of Acrylic Pour on Rocks see: www.acraftycomposition.com

Rock Art Pour—

1. Clean Rock well and allow to dry. In class, the rocks have already been cleaned and bleached.
2. Tape the rock on a bottle cap taped to an upside down small yogurt container in a small tray
3. Cover the rock with the white paint/Floetrol mix using fingers or plastic brush
4. Put several dots of colored acrylic paint in the middle of the rock
5. Tap the inflated balloon on the dots of paint—may look like butterfly, flower, or other abstract design
6. Maneuver Paint if desired:
 1. Angle/Gravity
 2. Straw
 3. Stick
 4. Pour more paint—from mixing cup or mixture cup
 5. Carefully put aside to Let Dry
7. After several minutes, check for drips and check every 5-10 minutes until no further drips occur.

NOTE:

- Did any cells form
- How did the paint flow
- How did the colors mix—? Was there:
 - too much of one color,
 - not enough of another,
 - Colors get muddy?

Canvas Acrylic Pour:

1. Make sure canvas on support cups in middle of large trays with freezer paper— [Check if level and adjust if necessary](#)
2. Cover the canvas and sides with White Paint/Floetrol mixture using a card or gloved hands.
3. Decide on design for colored paint
4. Make a thin line of colored paint following your design.
5. Layer all the other colors directly over the first line.
6. Observe and remove any bubbles with a toothpick. A Chef's Torch can also be used to remove bubbles if you have one.
7. Using a hair dryer with narrow oval attachment, manipulate the line of paint in multiple directions to give a flower petal shape.
8. Make adjustments with straw if needed.
9. Additional manipulations of the paint can be made by adding more paint and tapping with balloon, using toothpick to reshape areas and using bottle cap with slits to create more flower forms
10. Check for drips and remove with kebab stick or end of paintbrush. Keep checking every 5-10 minutes until no further drips form.
11. Place in CLEAN, UNDISTURBED AREA TO DRY for Approx. 2-3 days

Remember: use any unused mixed paint to complete another rock, or simply pour onto clean freezer paper and allow to dry. The dried Acrylic Pour film can be used to make jewelry, or other art!

VARNISH in 1 week: one to two coats

Rocks Varnish with Rustoleum Clear Gloss

Canvases: Varnish with Soluvar Gloss or Matt (or mix). Liquitex Gloss

Medium and Varnish can also be used, but does not always give the same even finish. Resin such as Krystal Resin can also be used.

Reference for Acrylic Pour Rock Art: www.acraftycomposition.com

For more information and YouTube videos on Acrylic Pour check out these artists: Emma Lindstrom; Gina Deluca

Instagram videos: [b.r.turner.art](https://www.instagram.com/b.r.turner.art), [itsacupofpaint](https://www.instagram.com/itsacupofpaint), [kanella.ciraco.art](https://www.instagram.com/kanella.ciraco.art)

Paint, varnishes, and other art supplies can be found at DickBlick.com

Floetrol and silicone lubricant can be purchased at Lowe's or Home Depot, or Amazon.com.