

**2** skill level

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floral collage wall decor

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#### SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Two 22"x28" stretched artist canvases
- Floral bushes: blue iris, fuchsia azalea, red hibiscus
- 1 tube Liquitex® Heavy Body Acrylic: Unbleached Titanium
- Bottled acrylics: plum, orange, green, yellow-green, yellow, yellow ochre, dark celery
- 1" flat brush and smaller detail brushes
- Small trowel palette knife
- 1 bag Decor Sand, natural mix
- 9"x12" sheet white self-adhesive felt
- Tacky glue
- Adhesive dots
- Scissors
- Iron and ironing surface
- 2 sheets white paper

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Paint canvases, front and four sides, with Heavy Body Acrylic.
2. Remove 3 iris flowers, 3 iris leaves, 3 hibiscus flowers, 5 hibiscus leaves, and 5 azalea blossoms from their plastic stems. Remove green ribs. Separate flowers into individual layers.
3. Cut each iris leaf in half lengthwise, shaping the ends into points.
4. Using a low setting on iron, iron flower pieces between two pieces of white paper until they are flatter.
5. Place the canvases vertically, side by side. Arrange petal and leaves. Refer to photo. Cut leaves that extend between both canvases. Glue into place with tacky glue. Adhesive dots may be needed to help flowers lay flat.
6. Mix 2 tablespoons Decor Sand with an equal amount Heavy Body Acrylic. Apply mixture with 1" brush, concentrating on central and lower portions of canvases. Use palette knife to push and scrape mixture into desired position.
7. Mix 2 teaspoons Decor Sand with equal amount of yellow acrylic paint. Carefully apply to centers of azalea flowers. Build up larger centers of irises with the mixture, making outer rims thicker.
8. For stems, cut 7 self-adhesive felt strips 3/8" wide and 8" long. Paint top and sides with green acrylic paint; allow to dry. Remove backing, and stick stems to canvas. Refer to photo. Glue into place with tacky glue. At the point where stem joins flower, build up a green base using Decor Sand mixed with green paint.
9. Use acrylic paint to shade and enhance flowers and leaves. Paint in subtle color shadings in central background area of the piece.

Skill Level 2: Some crafting experience helpful

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