# **CREATIVE STENCILING**

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#### WORK AREA

- Select colors
- Fold several paper towels in half and place next to painting hand
  - Damp sponge the piece

#### STENCIL PLACEMENT

- Position and hold (or tape) in place overlay #1
- May lightly trace registration marks (small holes at top of stencil) with pencil

#### LOADING BRUSH

- Use flat round headed stencil brush
- Dip tip only into color
- Swirl brush several times on paper towel to remove excess color

#### **BRUSH STENCILING**

- Hold stencil down with free hand
- Hold brush straight up and down...use circular motion and brush over edge of stencil openings
- Work color from *outside edge* towards center

#### LOADING SPONGE

- Moisten sponge and remove excess water
- Pounce corner of sponge in color
- Pounce repeatedly on paper towel to remove excess color

### **SPONGE STENCILING**

- Hold stencil down with free hand
- Pounce sponge straight up and down over edge of stencil openings
- Work color from *outside edge* towards center

#### **CONTINUE STENCILING**

OR

- When all openings on overlay #1 are stenciled...remove
- Position overlay #2...match registration marks...stencil all cutout areas
  - If applicable continue with overlay #3 and #4

#### **TIPS AND HINTS**

- Use light pressure to prevent color seeping under edges or too heavy of a buildup along edges
- The amount of color in the brush will determine the success of your project
  - Leave centers free of color for highlight
  - Stencil all over with desired color...highlight with a lighter color...shade with a darker color

