

# TECHNIQUE: FLECKLES



# MATERIALS

DB 37473 Honeycomb Salad Plate Fan Brush One Medium Brush for each color Toothbrush

## COLORS

CMM 14 - Gum Drop CMM 57 - Squash Blossom CMM 45 - Indigo CMM 2 - Stonewash

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Start by painting your piece with 2–3 coats of your base color. This color should be a lighter color than the colors you plan on putting on top. We used Gum Drop. You could also leave the plate unpainted if desired.
- 2. Once the background color has dried, it's time to flick on your other colors. This step not only gets fleckles on your pottery, it will get fleckles on anything on the table. So it's best to either find a separate safe place to flick, or put your pottery inside of a box to protect your surroundings and your neighboring painters.
- 3. For small mist like fleckles, dip a tooth brush in a color. Then run your thumb over the bristles while pointing the toothbrush down towards your piece. Repeat until the desired amount of color is on the piece.
- 4. To achieve splatter like flecks add a little water to each of your colors. We added about 25% water to 75% paint. Use a different brush for each color. Dip your brush in paint, hold your brush over the piece with one hand, and then tap the handle of the brush with your other hand. This will splatter your piece with colors.
- 5. Repeat until you are happy with your piece.

### TIPS

- We suggest a lighter color for the background to help your fleckles show up.
- Adding a little water to your paint thins it out and helps make the splatters. .
- You will get flecks everywhere so it's best to move to a safe spot and wipe up your space when you're done.

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