

# TECHNIQUE: LOTS OF DOTS



# MATERIALS

DB37473 Honeycomb Salad Plate Various Sizes of Sponges Dabbers Various Sizes of Paint Brushes Paper Towel

## COLORS

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

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Start by painting your piece with 2-3 coats of a base color. This color should be a lighter color than the colors you plan on using for the dots. We left our plate unpainted.
- 2. Once the background color has dried, it's time to put on your spots. Use the varied dabbers to create different size dots.
- 3. For the sponge dabbers, dip the sponge end in the desired paint color and then tap off the excess paint on a paper towel. This will give a more even application instead of a blob.
- 4. Press the sponge onto your piece lift it up, rotate it, and then stamp it down again for a second time. We do this because over time the sponges lose their shape, so giving it a little twist helps ensure a more even circle.
- 5. To make smaller dots you can use the handle end of a paint brush, or the handle of the sponges dabbers. Simply dip the handle into the paint and stamp it down on your piece. You only need to do one coat.
- 6. If you want your dots to be the same size, dip your handle into the paint each time after you stamp it. If you don't dip it back in the paint you can continue to stamp it down and the dots will get smaller and smaller.
- 7. If you want to overlap different sized spots you can layer them for a cool look.

### TIPS

- We suggest a lighter color for the background to help your dots show up.
- When you use the handle of the paint brush you only need to do one coat. It leaves a little ball of paint that comes out solid.
- When you're using the sponge on a stick, we recommend 2 coats of paint. These will have a soft sponged quality, so you're always welcome to paint over them to give a smoother edge if you want to.

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