

Jacket Painting Tutorial

Step by step cactus painting on a jacket by Rob Anderson





Materials:

Pencil

Eraser

Tape

Scissors

Paper

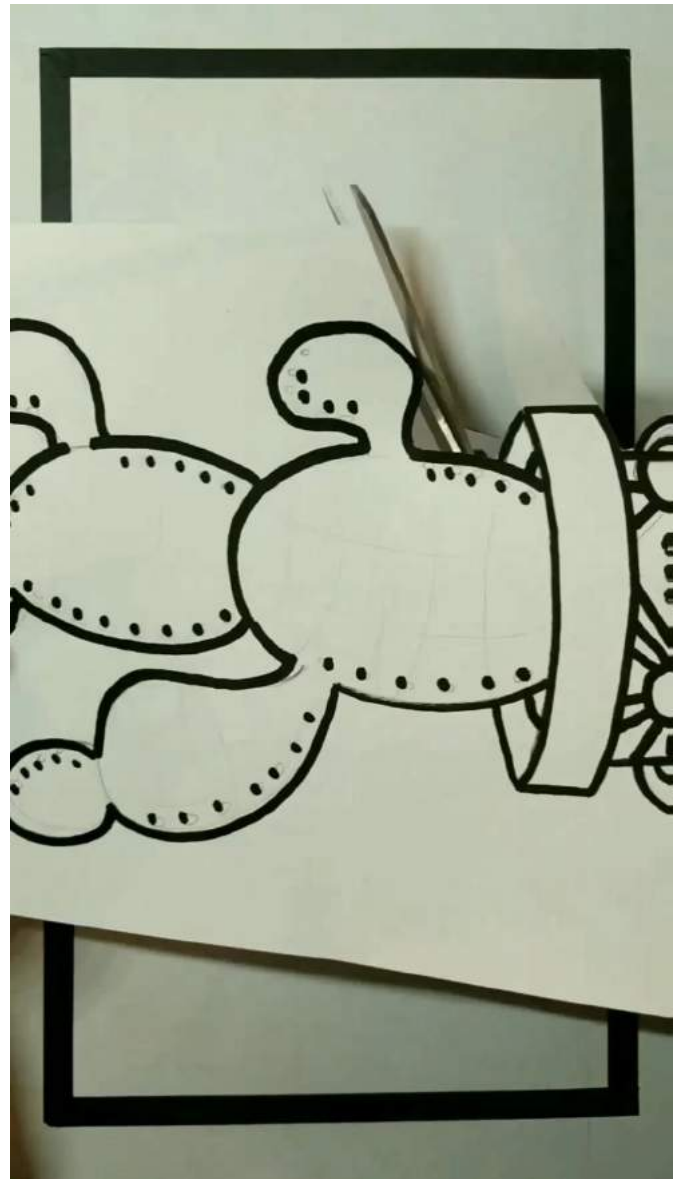
Paint Markers

Paintbrush

Screen Print Acrylic

Acrylic Craft Paints

Jacket



Step 1

Make a stencil.

On a piece of paper, use your pencil to sketch an outline of your design. In the video, I draw a prickly pear inspired cactus using simple oval shapes layered over one another. Then, illustrate the inside of your design using a darker line to give yourself as many details to help inform your final piece. Cut out the design with scissors and the stencil is ready for placement.



Step 2
Apply the stencil.

Tape your stencil to the desired location on your jacket. With your pencil, trace along the perimeter of your stencil, leaving a light marking, and making sure the stencil is anchored.



Step 3

Paint a white background.

Prepare your screen print ink by adding a tiny bit of water. One part water to nine parts of paint increases the drying time and helps the fabric absorb the paint better. Brush the paint into your stencil tracing evenly. Since this is a black denim jacket, a white under painting will ensure that the colors stand out the way they should. Wait for it to dry.



Step 4
Sketch your color placements.

Using your stencil as reference, pencil sketch the lines that will separate the solid colors of your piece. For accuracy, you can cut up the segments of your stencil and use the shapes to trace around.



Step 5 Fill Colors.

Start with placing your solid colors. Fill the entire shape with one color. Then, you can blend your first color with a slightly darker shade, and brush along one side of each of your design elements to achieve a shading effect. Having a dark color on one side and a lighter color on the other side creates a sense of depth to your painting. Fill and shade all the sections of your design. Adding spots of light colors over some dark areas will make your design more interesting.



Step 6
Outline.

Using a black acrylic paint marker, outline all the main shapes of your cactus design.



Step 7 Detail.

Add smaller design elements, like circles for dimples, dots for texture, and highlight some areas with a white acrylic paint marker to make the details stand out. Sign, and you're finished! Wear your jacket proudly.



Have fun and happy painting!