

Shoe Painting Tutorial





Materials:

Pencil

Eraser

Tape

Scissors/ Stencil knife

Acrylic paint markers

Paper

Socks

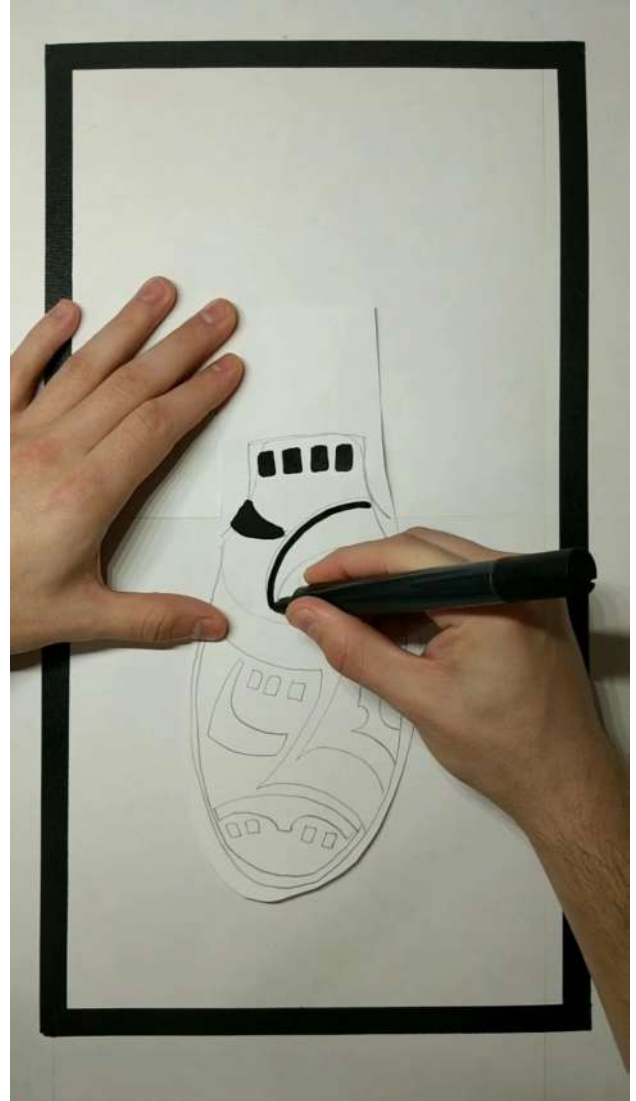
White canvas shoes

Clear matte acrylic spray



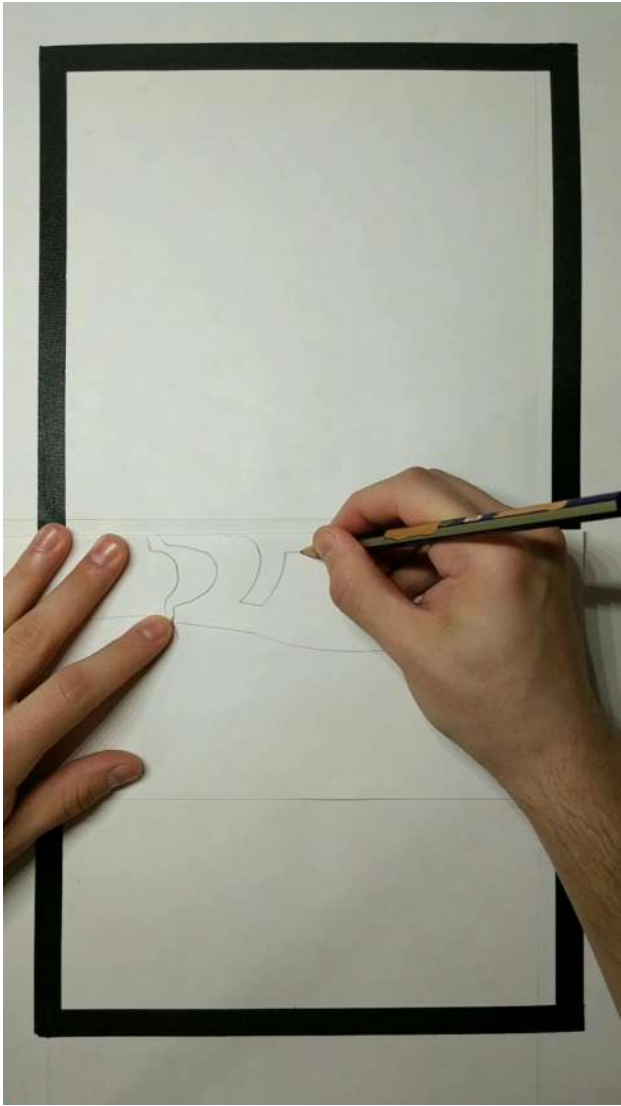
Step 1:
Stuff it

Stuff some socks into the front of your shoe to keep the canvas surface nice and firm.



Step 2: Design warm-up

Trace the sole of your shoe with a pencil. Use this template to doodle over and experiment with how you'd like your design to come out. This step will help you become a lot more comfortable with creating before committing it to the shoe. You can cut out any of the shapes you like and tape them to the shoe until you are happy with your composition.



Step 3:
Stencil technique

Take your traced shoe template and fold it in half. Now draw a design over one half and cut it out for a symmetrical pattern that will fit perfectly onto your shoe.



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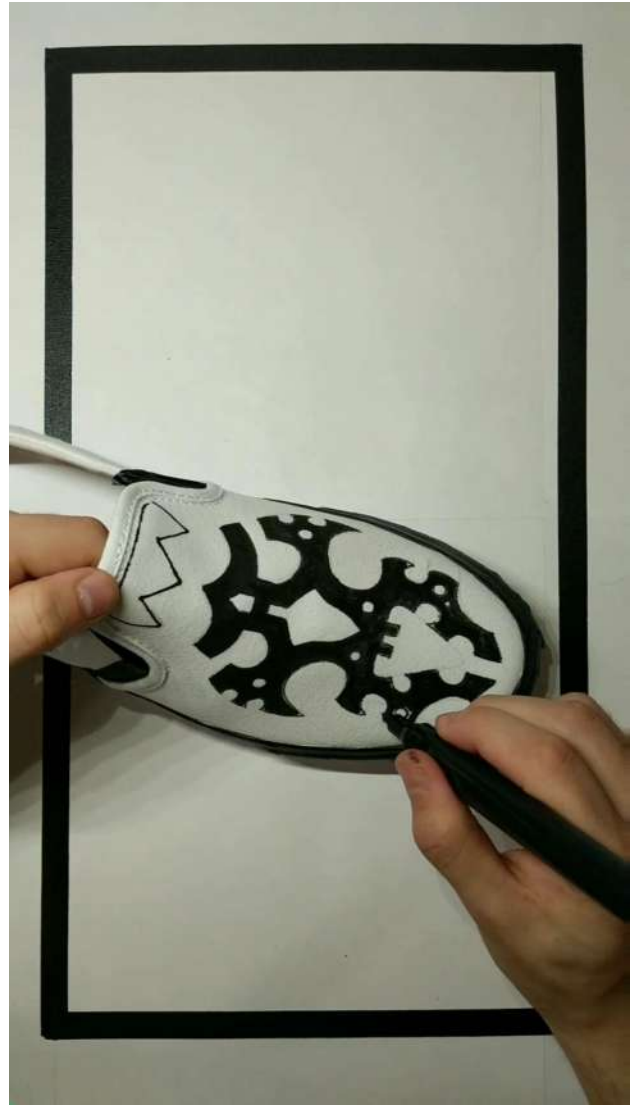
Trace and repeat

Tape your stencil to a location on your shoe. Lightly trace the outside of the design with a pencil, then apply the same principle to the opposite shoe so the designs match.



Step 5:
Erasing/ Corrections

A light pencil outline can easily be altered by gently scrubbing a rubber eraser over the markings. Brush off the shavings lightly to prevent the graphite from smudging.



Step 6:
Outline and fill

Go over the edges of your pencil outline with a black acrylic paint marker before filling in the shape. You can make changes to your design and have fun with the direction of the shapes before filling in the spaces with black or any other colors. Allow to dry and go over with another layer if necessary to achieve a solid, opaque shade.



Step 7:

Taping and seam details

You can tape off areas of the shoe that you want to be careful to not paint over. This creates a safety buffer and ensures that your shoes look clean and professional. Taping off along seams to create lines that highlight the textile panels will help your design compliment the shoe further.



Step 8:
Reuse stencils

You can use bits of your stencils on other areas of the shoe to create a more unified design. The same pattern used on the tongue of the shoe can be placed along the heel and create a sense of consistency throughout the artwork.



Step 9:
Protect

Cover the interior of your shoe with paper or tape and tape off the elastic parts of the shoe. Use two layers of clear matte acrylic spray to coat the shoe evenly. Allow to dry between coats. This will protect your artwork from paint transfer, scuffing, dirt, and will prolong the life and clean look you worked so hard for. Let to dry for a day before wearing.



Have fun and happy shoe painting!