

Mixed Media Circles

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Materials

- 12" x 12" canvas
- Fabric Elements™ Tissue Papers
- Thin bodied acrylic paint (Dye-na-Flow)
- White and gold metallic craft paint
- Faber Castell® Gelatos®
- 2- 12" coffee filters
- paper napkins, paintable fabric, old book pages
- Gel medium
- 1/2" flat paintbrush
- Embellishments: such as buttons, paper flowers and lace
- Paper punch
- Compass
- Scissors
- Fabric adhesive that can be machine stitched
- Iron
- Sewing machine and thread to match

Instructions

1. Using the flat brush, apply thin even layer of gel medium onto one side of coffee filter.
2. Cut or tear pieces of fabric, paper napkins, and tissue papers onto gel medium side of filter. Let dry. Cover with parchment paper and press with hot iron.
3. Fold paper/fabric covered coffee filter in half. Go over crease with finger. Open and repeat in opposite direc-

tion. Mark a small dot where both crease lines intersect. Place point of compass onto small dot. Using compass, draw a 1 1/2", 3", 5", and one remaining 8" circle. Fold coffee filter in half and cut on traced lines, creating circle strips.

4. Adhesion strips onto remaining coffee filter. When happy with design, glue to secure circle strips in place.
5. Machine straight and zigzag stitch seams of circles and around perimeter of coffee filter.
6. Embellish completed circle with paint cap marks, buttons, and paper flowers.
7. Repeat all steps, creating four 2 1/2" circles.

Circle Collage Canvas

1. Using gel medium, apply a paper background onto 12" canvas. Let dry.
2. Center finished 12" circle onto center of fabric, and secure with gel medium.
3. Using Gelatos, apply color around the edge of canvas. If desired, adhere embellishments such as beads or buttons to the circle.

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