

Folk Art House Painting
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Create a folk art painting using readily accessible materials, and add a pop of interest with sgraffito.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Cardboard cut to desired size
Scraps of paper and fabric from everyday things like junk mail, old books, homework pages, lace, handkerchiefs, gift wrap, etc...
Gel medium or other wet adhesive like Collage Pauge or Mod Podge
Gesso
Water Soluble Wax Pastels
Scratching tools like a toothpick, needle or skewer
Pencil
Brushes and scraper (an old credit card, piece of chipboard, etc...)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Create the ground for the painting:

1. Collage paper and fabric scraps as you wish, covering the majority of the surface.
2. Once the collage is mostly dry, unify it all with a thin layer of gesso using a scraper.

Draw the house:

1. Take a look at the ground you've created to find a starting point for your house. Sketch out the frame of the house with pencil or drawing tool of your choice.
2. Decide where you'd like the windows and doors. Scribble them in with wax pastels in any color you choose. You can also scribble in any other images you'd like to include.
3. Seal all wax pastel areas with gel medium so they don't reactivate in the next step.

Paint and add final details:

1. Paint the body of the house one color, covering all areas with wax pastel. Let dry slightly.
2. When the paint is slightly wet/almost dry, scrape over the body of the house and use the scratching tool to add definition to windows and door.
3. Continue layering color and scratching in definition until you are pleased with the look.
4. Add finishing touches by adding color to any remaining areas of the painting as you desire.

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