

Da Vinci's Journal

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From sketches to finished masterpieces the work of Leonardo Da Vinci is always an inspiration to me! I wanted to make a new creative idea journal and I decided to use a stamp based off one of his sketches to be my inspiration starting point. The techniques I am using work well for mixed media creations of many kinds including canvas, wood boards, or even cards. Knowing how your mediums on hand work and interact with each other will help you tremendously. Don't know? It's experiment time! Don't be afraid to make a creative test journal.

Supplies: Journal, stencil, paste, gesso, watercolor, liquid adhesive, buttons/embellishments

Instructions:

1. Stencil (use paste) a design on the edges. Smooth out/down with a wet paint brush as needed.
2. Add gesso over the surface and allow it to dry.
3. Stamp (clear embossing ink) and emboss (black powder) the stamped image in the center).
4. Add watercolors all over the journal cover along with water, and allow to dry.
5. Finish by adding any dimensional embellishments.

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