

## **Chipboard Bears**

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### **Materials and Tools:**

Grafix® Chipboard

Acrylic paints

Floetrol Paint Conditioner

Small cups and paint stirrers

Sizzix® die

Sizzix® Big Shot™ machine

Embellishments

Letter dies

Grafix® Artist-tac™ adhesive

Brown kraft paper (optional)

Feathers

String

DAP® RapidFuse™ all purpose adhesive

White frame or something to mount the finished bear on

### **Instructions:**

1. Fill a small cup half way full of paint. Add a splash of Floetrol and stir. Add a small amount of water and stir. The consistency should allow the paint to easily drip off of your stir stick. Repeat twice, using different colors.
2. Pour a small amount of each color into a cup, stacking the colors on top of each other, until you have used all of your paint.
3. Place a piece of chipboard on top of the cup and flip it over. Let it sit until the paint drips down the edges of the cup. Let sit for two minutes, then remove the cup and let the paint drip onto the chipboard. Move the board around a bit to let the paint spread.
4. Set aside to dry for 1 to 2 days. Cut the chipboard down so it will fit through the die cutting machine (note, we used the bear shaped die).
5. Our project is based on the Zuni culture. If desired, cut symbolic words from kraft paper and add Native American inspired embellishments using DAP RapidFuse all purpose adhesive, following the manufacturer's instructions. Optional: Add feathers by winding string around the bear and tying feathers to the end of the string.
6. To display, add a frame to the finished piece, or adhere to a canvas.