

FREE
INSPIRATION!

WOOD PANEL ART



9 IDEAS FOR TAKING
*wood panels from
bare to beautiful!*



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FLYING COLORS

Whether you're a first-time painter or a long-time pro, this abstract technique will fit in your artist repertoire.

On a wood panel, paint a dark frame around a light square. Then spread colors with a palette knife across the middle, overlapping the frame to create a 3D effect.

REFLECT UPON

This vibrancy is all thanks to alcohol ink. Prep a wood panel with gesso to give it a smooth, non-porous surface, and then apply isopropyl alcohol and alcohol ink to the panel. Spread the ink with a heat tool, let it dry, then seal the piece with resin for a glassy sheen.





MIX IT UP

Instead of settling on one method of expression for your next art project, try mixing various materials and media to create something truly one-of-a-kind! Sea glass, kraft paper, paint and faux branches and berries bring this minimalist masterpiece to life.

ON THE COVER:

When you're working with modeling paste and thick-body acrylics, cradled gesso boards are a must! Their weight-bearing design allows you to create multi-layered, textured paintings that won't warp over time.

PUT IT TO PAPER

Origami meets geometric art in this minimalist take on dimensional wall décor. Fold and tear watercolor paper into small pieces (enough to fill out the look).

Then paint the pieces, let them dry, and glue them both vertically and horizontally onto a gesso board to finish.

SPIN A YARN

If you're searching for eye-catching art for your knitting nook or crochet corner, look no further! Start by staining a wood panel with a water-based tint. Then crochet strips of your favorite stitches (shell, bobble and loop shown here!) and glue them on.





TEXTILE STYLE

This multi-panel display may look like it's made of plaster, but it's actually fleece batting.

Submerge the fleece in a mixture of gesso, decoupage medium and a little water, then wring it out and arrange it. Let the fleece stiffen a bit, then coat it with gesso so it will keep its shape.

STROKE OF GENIUS

To solve the mystery behind this curious cat, you'll need a wood gesso board, gouache paint and metal leafing. Fun fact: Gesso boards have a coarse surface texture, making them great for blending and layering watercolor-esque gouache paints with detailed precision.



SPREAD OUT

Create contemporary works of art by experimenting with squeegee painting! Spread lots of colors all at once, or add them one at a time for clean, layered looks. And to avoid muddy or overly smeared designs, squeegee your paints across textured surfaces like gesso boards.

