



Wild Roses Project

Written Instructions:

If you wish to do your project so it looks like mine:

Lightly trace the roses to your choice of fabric with a pencil. (*see option)

Stabilize your fabric (I used a tearaway but you may want to use one of the permanent stabilizers depending on how you plan on using this image).

Free motion stitch around the flowers. Don't worry about staying on the lines, use them as guides. It doesn't hurt to stitch around the shapes 2 or 3 times, sort of sloppily.

Dampen the fabric. With the side of your Fabrico Pen's brush tip OR the side of your brush tip Fantastix stroke colors in small areas randomly over the flowers. Let the colors bleed into the wet fabric. If your color does not bleed, spritz with more water (I use a small spray mister). Overlap colors to make it interesting. Refer to the picture if you wish, for color placement.

You may want to use some white All Purpose Ink with a bullet tip to lighten areas, especially if you are coloring on a medium value fabric. A little white goes a long way, use sparingly.

When you want to stop the action of the ink, use a hair dryer to quickly dry the fabric, or press with a dry, hot iron. This will prevent the ink from continuing to bleed into the surrounding fabric.

If you are using All Purpose Inks you must heat set to make permanent (use a hot dry iron).

*Option: You can print the image on Sulky Paper Solvy™. This is just like real paper, except it is water soluble and dissolves quickly when you immerse your fabric in water. Be careful you only print line drawings on it. Heavy applications of wet ink jet will start the dissolving process.

Once you have it printed on the paper spray the back of the Sulky Paper Solvy™ with embroidery spray adhesive. Place the Sulky Paper Solvy™ with the image on the TOP side (right side) of your fabric. It will stabilize the fabric and you can simply stitch on the lines. Then tear away the Sulky Paper Solvy™. Whatever is left will dissolve in water. This way your fabric is already wet and ready for you to watercolor.

Colors I used: Tangerine, Spring Green, Bubble Gum, Cherry Pink, Lemon Yellow, Cerulean Blue, White API. I recommend using one of the 30 wt cotton Sulky® Blendables for your free motion stitching. I recommend you use an embroidery needle in a size 80.

Have fun with this. I would love to post pictures of your finished projects on the site! Send them as jpgs. Don't forget to tell me your name and if you have it in a project you may want to tell others what pattern you used.

Thanks, I look forward to seeing what all of you do with this.

Please send a picture to include on the new "Visiting Artist's Gallery" along with any information you want included with your work. They will probably be posted in order received at first... if I get enough I will group them in categories.

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