

## Step One

### The Background Colour

- \*Choose a colour scheme to theme your artwork eg: brown/naturals
- \*Mix 3 varying colours in generous amounts eg:light brown, medium brown and dark brown using white or black to alter the tone
- \*Add small amounts of water to thin paint if required
- \*Paint each canvas a different colour from this selection. Brush or roller on the paint, apply two coats if required
- \*Allow background paint to dry, to avoid paint crackling be sure not to let the canvas dry in direct sunlight (approx 45-60mins)

## Step Two

### The Design

- \*Cut a shapes from cardboard, or thick paper using scissors - like a square or rectangle with curved corners (as seen in the image on the front of the label)
- \*Place the template of the shape directly on the canvas surface and very lightly trace around it using a grey lead pencil
- \*Positioning the template in several places around the canvas, tracing several shapes untill the outline of the design is created
- \* You can overlap the shapes to create depth

## Step Three

### Painting the design

- \*Brush on paint inside the shapes outlined on the canvas using contrasting colours. Try a combination of the colours you have mixed using black or white
- \*Paint colours can be used directly from the tube if required, apply paint thickly to ensure good coverage
- \*Keeping within the lines fill in all the drawn shapes
- \*Using several colours if required or keeping within the same colour scheme

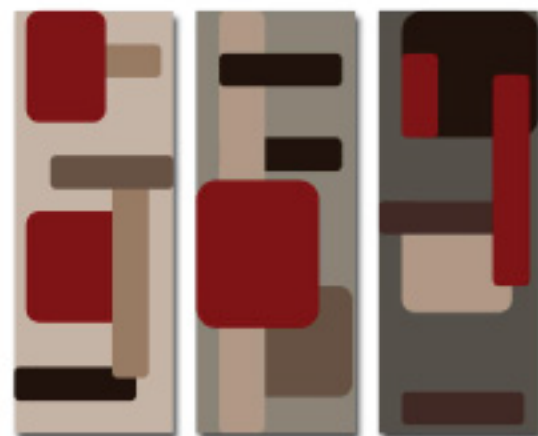
## Step Four

### Finishing Touches

- \*Using a thinner brush fill in area close to the outline taking care to keep a crisp edge
- \*Allow painting to dry (approx 45-60mins)before hanging

## Further Suggested Tips

- \*Try brushing on a gloss medium to enhance sheen and colour
- \*Paint a darker outline around the painted shapes on the canvas to create an interesting border
- \*Add a texture medium to the contrasting colour paint to give a thicker textured look
- \*Fade the background from light graduating to dark to create a tonal effect



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