

MURAL PAINTING

DIFFICULTY: *MEDIUM*



VOLUNTEER(S)



HOURS VARY

MATERIALS

PREP

Painting supplies

Primer

Painter's tape

Latex gloves

Drop cloth

PAINT

Paint

Painting supplies

Drop cloth

Latex gloves

TOOLS

PREP

Tape measure

Pencils

Markers

Hose or pressure washer

Projector (optional)

PAINT

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PREP LISTS

1. Sort all materials into piles by like items to ensure you have materials needed to complete project.
2. Before priming wall, wash/clean entire area. For indoor murals, consider using a sponge and lukewarm water. For outdoor murals, use a pressure washer or hose with high pressure nozzle.
3. Let the surface dry before priming. Apply painter's tape along all edges of the mural, and any other objects inside the mural area (such as light switches) that should not get primed or painted. Ideally, use a few coats of primer for your mural surface.
4. When the primer is dry, use an LCD or over-head projector to project the mural design onto the wall (if available). Use a pencil/permanent marker to sketch design that is projected. If appropriate, mark which areas should be painted with which colors. You can also sketch freehand if a projector is not available, though this requires a bit more skill.

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PAINTING LISTS

1. Sort all materials into piles by like items to ensure you have materials needed to complete project.
2. Cover all areas surrounding the mural area with painter's tape, paper, and/or drop cloths.
3. Refer to the mural design sketched on the wall and the paper drawing (if applicable) as you're painting the mural. Begin with the larger areas and work your way down to the smaller areas.
4. Use a small brush or an artist brush to touch-up areas when the mural is nearly complete.
5. Indoor murals, use fans and/or open windows to help dissipate paint fumes and dry the area quickly.
6. If applying a gloss coat, wait 24-48 hours for paint to dry before applying.