



Watercolor Paper

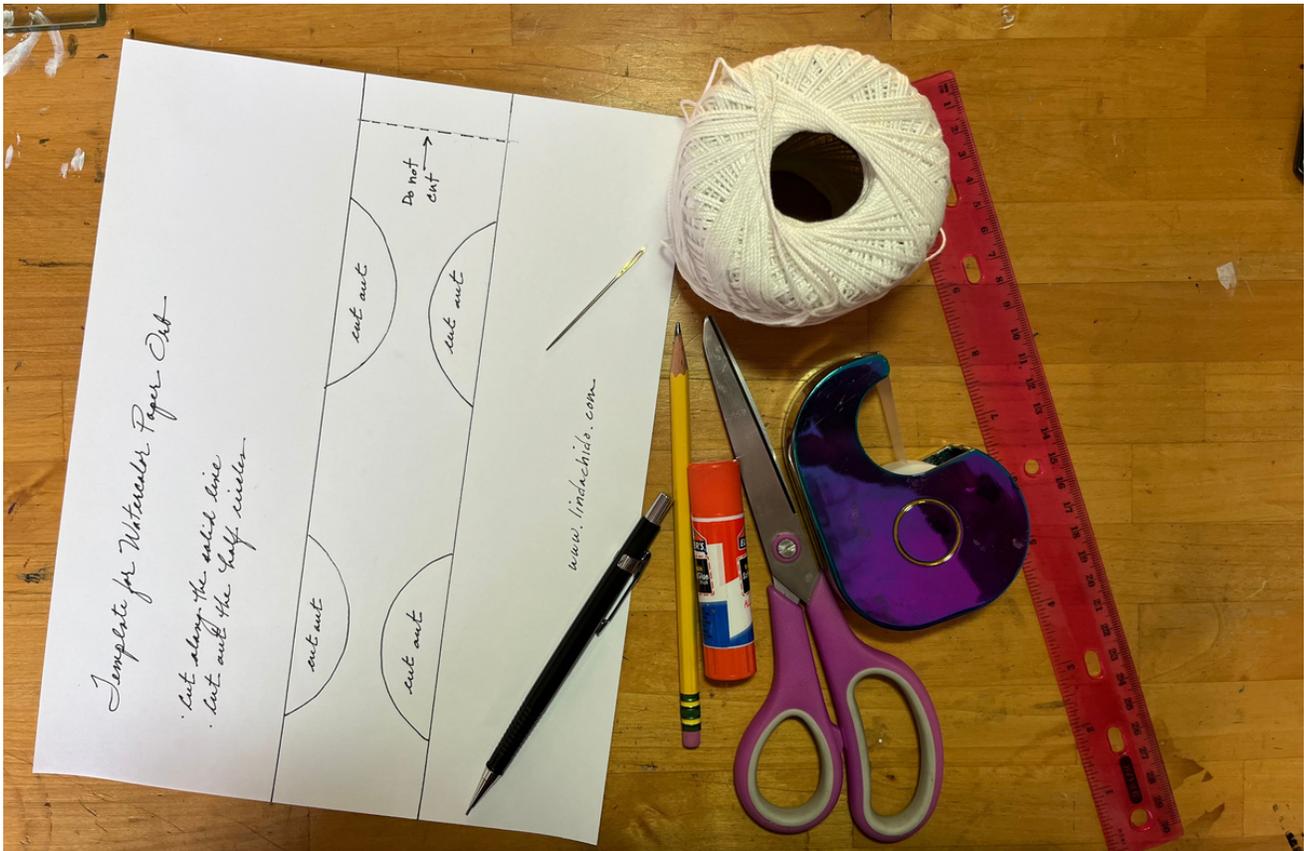
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TEMPLATE & INSTRUCTIONS

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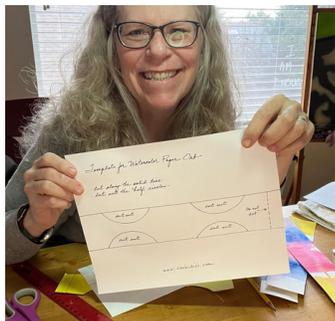
Supplies



1. The Orb Template (the last page of these instructions)
2. pencil
3. technical pencil (blunt needle or another pointed tool)
4. glue stick
5. scissors
6. transparent tape
7. ruler
8. string
9. sewing needle

Instructions

Step One: make the template



1.. Print out your Orb Template.

2. Cut out the Orb Template.



3. Trace your cut out Orb Template onto a piece of watercolor paper.

4. Cut out your watercolor paper template so you have something that looks like THIS.

In the photo, the white one on top is the 'copy paper' Orb Template. The yellow one on the bottom is the WATERCOLOR PAPER TEMPLATE.

You will use the WATERCOLOR PAPER TEMPLATE from this point forward in the project.

Save your 'copy paper' Orb Template in case you need to make more watercolor paper templates.

Step Two: make the strips for your orb



5. Trace your template onto one of your watercolor paintings.

 If you are using the 11 x 15 sheets of watercolor paper that I recommend in my [Wet on Wet Watercolor Painting Course](#), then you should be able to trace the template onto it six (6) times.

If your watercolor paper is another size, no worries. The template is 11 inches long so, your watercolor paper needs to be at least that long to accommodate the template.



6. Copy the template as many times as you can on your paper.

7. If, like me, you need a straight line to cut along, then: using your ruler, make the line between your template tracings, one solid line.

MAKE SURE YOU MARK THE TAB END SO YOU HAVE THAT LINE ON EVERY STRIP

Step Three: cut out the strips:



8. Cut out the template strips.

DO NOT cut out the half circles on your strips.



You now have a bunch of watercolor paper strips.

9. Pick three (3).

Mix and match or matchie-match, have fun choosing the three (3) strips for your orb.

Step Four: Note

 For this step you are going to need a pointed tool. I'm using the tip of a technical pencil. Why? Because I don't want the pencil mark, I just want to make a groove in the paper.

In the past, I've used a darning needle for this step (it has a rounded tip instead of a pointed tip). OR if the only pointed thing you have is your pencil, sharpen it to a point. You can erase the pencil marks later.

Step Four: prepare the strips



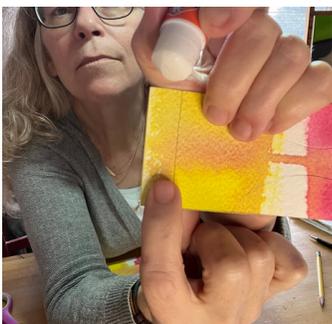
10. Stack the WATERCOLOR PAPER TEMPLATE on top of one (1) of the three strips you chose for your orb.

11. Using your pointed tool (I'm using the tip of a technical pencil), trace the half circles onto your strip. REPEAT for the other two strips.



Here is where you would erase if you used a pencil. The groove you made is what you need for the next steps.

Step Five: from strips to loops



12. Take one (1) strip with the half circle grooves and rub a little glue on the TAB end of the strip.

13. Bring the two ends together and make a loop with your strip. Cross the glue end UNDER the other end and line up the edge of the strip to the TAB line on the other edge. Press together and hold.

14. Continue to hold while you wrap a piece of transparent tape around both sides of the glued ends so they don't pop apart. Con't...

Step Five: con't



15. Repeat the steps for making a loop for one (1) more strip. You now have two loops and one strip.

16. Take the two loops and insert one loop into the other



17. Take your last strip and insert it into either side of the inner loop of the two loops together (step 16).

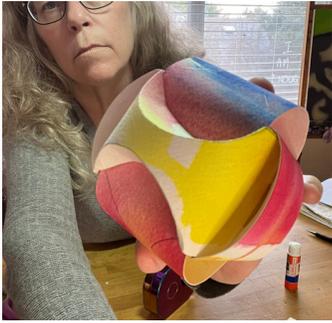
18. Bring the two ends of the last strip together, glue the TAB end, press and tape the ends - just like you did for the other two loops above (steps 13 + 14).



19. Once that last loop is in place, shimmy it around until the glued, TAB end is inside the other loop. Take your time with the shimmy. It may not move easily but it will move.

You should now have all three (3) loops together.

Step Six: fold in the half circles



HINT: when you fold the half circles in, they need to fold onto the non half circle part of the loop below it.

18. Fold in the half circles on both sides of one strip, then the second, and when you get to the third, only fold in one side. Leave the other side open.

Step Seven: add the string for hanging



19. Cut a length of string about 12 inches long. Thread this string onto a needle.

20. In the center, between the two OPEN half circles (step 18), poke the needed with a thread attached, through the paper. Pull the needle off the thread. The string should be half outside and half inside.



21. Knot the end of the inside part of the string. Pull the thread again so the knot is up against the inside of the paper.



22. On the other, outside, end of the thread, tie a for hanging.

23. Fold in the last set of half circles.

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- Cut along the solid line
- Cut out the half circles

