

“Love Birds” Couples Canvas

Pencil on the Design

1. Using your #2 Pencil, center the heart template between the canvases, and lightly trace around it.
2. Following the shape of the traced heart, loosely pencil a second heart about 2” larger than the first. (Call it Band #1).
3. Following the shape of the second heart, pencil a third heart about 2” larger than the second. (Call it Band #2)



Paint the Heart

4. Using the ¾” flat brush, paint the central heart PHTHALO RED.
5. Don’t wash the brush. WHILE THE RED HEART IS WET, load the ¾” flat brush with TITANIUM WHITE. Following the contour of the heart, stroke white onto the red, and blend it in to lighten the heart.
6. Wash the brush and pat it dry.
7. Pour out a smidgeon of CHROME YELLOW and GREEN OXIDE.
8. Triple load the ¾” brush like this: A. Dip the whole brush into TITANIUM WHITE. B. Dip one corner of the brush into CHROME YELLOW. C. Dip the other corner of the brush into GREEN OXIDE.
9. Swipe your triple-loaded brush onto the upper (outer, bulbous) areas of the heart (follow the heart shape) to add interest.
10. Clean and pat the brush dry.
11. Mix nickel-sized amounts of CHROME YELLOW, PHTHALO RED, and TITANIUM WHITE to create an opaque orange color.
12. Double load the ¾” brush: one corner opaque orange, and one corner TITANIUM WHITE.
13. Swipe your double-loaded brush onto the heart here and there, (following the heart shape) to create more interest and variegated color.
14. Wash the brush and pat it dry.
15. Load the ¾” brush with TITANIUM WHITE, and add swipes of white (following the heart shape) to create highlights.

Paint the Background

16. Mix a fairly large amount of “equal parts” PHTHALO BLUE and TITANIUM WHITE to create medium-blue.
17. Using your clean ¾” brush, fill in Band #1 with the medium-blue color you created.
18. Add a small squirt of MARS BLACK to the PHTHALO BLUE and TITANIUM WHITE mixture to create a blue-gray color.
19. Fill in Band #2 with this blue-gray color.
20. Add another small squirt of MARS BLACK to the PHTHALO BLUE and TITANIUM WHITE mixture to deepen the blue-gray color.
21. Paint the remaining white areas of the canvas with this deep blue-gray color.

22. Clean and dry the brush.
23. Use the ¾" brush to swipe LOTS OF STROKES OF TITANIUM WHITE onto Band #1 and Band #2, to make it look like the heart's glowing (follow the heart shape).
24. Add a few strokes of TITANIUM WHITE onto the remaining background area, and blend them in so they're not too pronounced. (Follow the heart shape).

Let the Painting Dry

Add the Silhouettes

25. When the painting is **COMPLETELY DRY**: Using the brown craft paper as a straight-edge, pencil a horizontal line across both canvases.
26. **ON THE RIGHT CANVAS**: Place the bird template on the horizontal pencil line, and trace around it.
27. Move the bird template and trace it a second time, so the birds sit side-by-side on the wire.
28. Using the #2 round brush, fill in both bird silhouettes with MARS BLACK.
29. Pencil a tiny heart above the birds, and fill it in with MARS BLACK.

30. **ON THE LEFT CANVAS**: Pencil the word "love" (or sentiment of your choice) on the horizontal line. **More Ideas**: Forever, Always, Happy, Dream, Cherish, Amore, Love Birds
31. Using the #2 round brush, paint over the penciled word(s) with MARS BLACK.

32. **ON BOTH CANVASES**: Paint the "wire" line with MARS BLACK. **Important**: START at the center "break" between canvases, and work back toward the outer edge. (i.e., **RIGHT CANVAS**: Paint from the center toward the right edge of your canvas. **LEFT CANVAS**: Paint from the center toward the LEFT edge of your canvas. (This will ensure your lines "meet properly" at the center of the paintings.)

Clean Up Time

Please neaten up your area by putting your:

- Brushes and water buckets in the sink
- Paint bottles in the basket
- Trash in the trash

Thank you