

“Love Blooms” Platter



1. Place painters tape at variable intervals along the border of the platter (to mask off white space).
2. Paint the unmasked areas 3 coats of your choice of colors.
The color combos we used are:
A) **TUXEDO and SILVER LINING** – or –
B) **TIP TAUPE / POO BEAR / GREY HARE / TOAD-ILY GREEN**
Remember to **LET EACH COAT DRY** before painting the next. **KEEP TRACK OF YOUR COATS!**
3. When your third coat of striped color is **JUST APPROACHING DRY** (not bone dry), remove the tape. If you have any areas where paint seeped under the tape, you can perfect the stripes with the side of a toothpick.

Silk Screen

4. Position the silk screen on the platter so that flowers DON'T extend onto the border.
5. **TAPE THE SILK SCREEN** to hold it in place. (This is important.)
6. Pour out some **TUXEDO** paint. Sprinkle it with Gum Powder, and mix it with the plastic knife to form a smooth paste.
7. Use your index finger to rub the paste through the screen onto your plate.
8. When you're finished applying the paste, **LIFT A CORNER** of the silk screen to check your image, and apply a little more paste if needed.
9. When finished, remove the screen from the platter, **CAREFULLY** remove the tape from the screen, and rinse and **THOROUGHLY DRY IT** at the sink. Then pass the silk screen on to the next user.

Add Color to the Silk Screen Design

10. When your silk-screened image is **BONE DRY (ABSOLUTELY BONE DRY!)**
 - Water-down the colors of your choice and paint **ONE COAT** of color to the flowers and leaves.
 - On the Black/Gray platter, we used **HOT TAMALES** on the flowers and left the leaves blank.
 - On the multi-color platter, we used **BUTTER ME UP, TIP TAUPE, GREY HARE** on the flowers, and **TOAD-ILY GREEN** on the leaves.

Reminders:

11. Let each coat dry before you paint the next.
12. Keep track of your coats – and don't go over 3 coats!
13. Sign your masterpiece with glaze pencil or paint. Fill out your white tag, and bring it and your pottery up to the desk to check out.
14. At the end of the evening, please **NEATEN YOUR AREA**: That means: Bring paint bottles up to the counter, toss trash, drop brushes into the sink. Thank you!