

AVERAGE TIME

1.5  
HOURS

CHALLENGE LEVEL



Simple Techniques - Stunning Effects

# GRUMPY CHRISTMAS "I TRIED" PLATE



## MATERIALS

DB37467 Sqrve Dinner Plate  
Medium Brush  
Liner Brush  
Silkscreen: Grumpy Christmas  
Alphabet  
Silkscreen Medium  
Small Dish for Mixing Goo  
Squares & Present NCR Pattern  
Scissors  
Ballpoint Pen  
1" Sponge Stippler  
Pencil or Water-based Marker

## COLORS

CMM 22 - Gecko Green  
CMM 90 - Red Hot  
CMM 86 - Pretty In Pink  
CMM 98 - Red Head  
CMM 49 - Christmas Tree  
CMM 70 - Star Dust  
CMM 31 - Licorice

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## INSTRUCTIONS

### A little prep work to do before getting started (to make your life easier!)

We recommend mixing up your Goo before class. For this piece, you'll need Christmas Tree Goo.

Add 2-3 Tablespoons of underglaze to your container. Add a hefty pinch of Goo Powders and stir to combine. Let the mixture sit for 5 minutes and stir again. If it looks like pudding it's ready to use. If it's too thick add more underglaze. If it's too thin add another pinch of Goo Powders and stir.

### Step-By-Step...here we go!

1. Use scissors to cut out the column of squares from the NCR pattern and place it 1.5" from the left edge of the plate.
2. Press firmly with a ballpoint pen as you trace over the square pattern. Now you will have a light line on the piece as a guide to paint.
3. Use a liner brush to apply 3 coats of Star Dust to the paint the squares.
4. Next, apply the words with the silkscreen, starting with the word "Naughty". After you finish that word, rinse out the screen and pat it dry before applying the other words.
5. Use scissors to cut out the present from the NCR pattern and place it to the right of the words, the edge of the present will go off the edge of the plate.
6. Press firmly with a ballpoint pen as you trace over the present pattern. Now you will have a light line on the piece as a guide to paint.
7. Paint the bottom section of the present with 3-4 coats of Pretty In Pink.
8. Next, fill in the lid of the present with 3 coats of Gecko Green.
9. Use a liner brush to paint the "X" with Red Hot. If you'd like, you can trace the "x" on with the NCR pattern before painting.
10. Paint the loop and center of the bow with 3 coats of Red Hot with a liner brush.
11. Next, use a liner brush to paint the rest of the ribbon with 3 coats of Red Head.

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12. Dip the sponge stippler into Gecko Green paint. Tap the sponge onto the palette or paper towel to evenly distribute the paint in the sponge.

13. Apply the scalloped border around the edge by placing half of the sponge on the edge and pressing down. Repeat for a second layer.

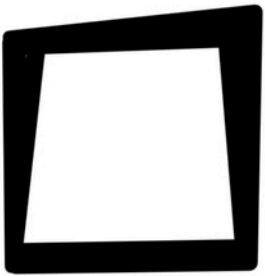
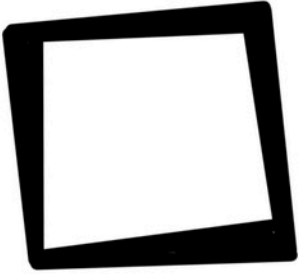
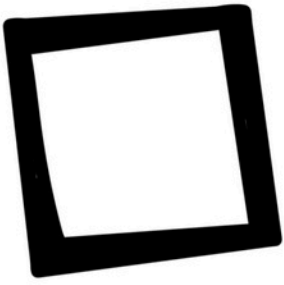
14. Finally we are going to make a messy double outline around the border and the present. To start, thin down Licorice paint with 50% water to 50% paint.

15. Use a liner brush and create a messy double outline around the present and then the scalloped border. By making it messy, we aren't worried about perfection and we grab the funky illustration style of the author.

## TIPS

- Pretty In Pink is a translucent color, it tends to look better with 3-4 generous coats of paint.
- When applying the scalloped border, if you don't get a clean half circle, simply rotate the stippler and stamp it back down to even out the edge.

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