

COLOURING CHIPBOARD WITH WATERCOLOURS

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MATERIALS REQUIRED

Chipboard piece (I have used [Scrapware Geisha Girls](#))

Watercolour paints (I used pencils, but raiding the children's paint boxes works just as well, or use a palette)

Water brush or ultra fine paint brush & water

Tissue to wipe your brush on



LET'S GET STARTED ...

Very LIGHTLY & GENTLY colour your areas with the water colour pencils. This does not have to be perfect. Be careful not to scratch or indent the chipboard surface.

(if using a colour palette, go straight to step 2)



It should look a bit like this.....



Using either your water brush or damp paint brush (wipe off excess water), blend the colour starting from where two colours join and brush away from the join towards the outer edge of your shape.

Wash your brush between colours so you do not accidentally blend your shades.

Only go over the area once or twice lightly.

Be careful not to over-wet the chipboard piece OR rub too hard as your chipboard surface will fray.

If using a palette, gently wash colours over in the areas you want...don't try to colour it brightly on your first paint over or you will fray your chipboard.



Your chipboard piece will look faintly coloured and patchy like this....

Allow to dry off a little.



With a damp brush, take the paint directly from the tip of the pencil (or concentrated colour from your colour palette).



Start gently building up colour intensity by layering more colour over the top.

Allow your chipboard piece to dry out a little in between coats or it may fray.



Now you will see the colours starting to pop....



Add in the colour on fine detail items like the mouth, the chopsticks and a faint wash on the cheeks...if you are not confident in your skills, then use chalk to shade the cheeks.

Further embellish your piece as you wish (I added a hand cut flower to mine...)



Let thoroughly dry before adhering to your work!

