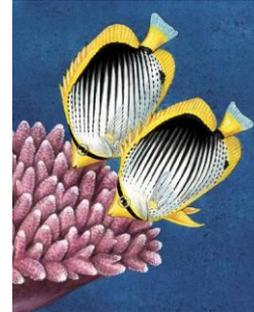


Design and written by Dr Corinna Siu

Demonstration by Samson Shiu (aged 10)

Design : Tell students to

- search free web images and stories about the deep sea, use ‘Corals’ as keyword
- imagine and/or recall what they see when they go boating and/or snorkeling
- visit an aquatic museum or park to know more about the sea world



Materials

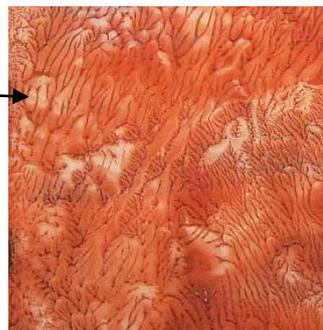
- Colors of the rainbow such as Pompadour, Dark red, Orange, Mixing Yellow, Olive Green, Chartreuse, Dark blue, Banding blue, Purple and Black
- Water-based medium and dry medium
- A transparent plastic sheet

Method

1. Make a rough outline of the corals on the porcelain. If you have an ipad, have the images displayed nearby.
2. Divide the picture into three sections and tackle the middle section first. Mix colors for the corals with water-based medium and water with a consistency that it is not thick but enough content of water to let the color move when pressed. Also prepare a darker value of the same colors.
3. Brush colors to the corals in the middle section. Use darker value colors on the sides to create depth.



4. **Press technique** – Press the plastic sheet on to the colored area with your fingers. Tree-like patterns are formed by the pressing. Lift the plastic sheet slowly according to the direction you want the patterns to go.



5. Repeat steps 2 to 4 to the left and right corals with different colors. Tidy up the edges with cotton buds.



6. Paint some living creatures in the blank areas and let the paint dry thoroughly.



7. Mix banding blue or any blue with dry medium. Use a big brush and very softly wash a layer of blue to the blank area and over some parts of the corals to make up the sea.

8. Clean the edges of the porcelain. Fired at Cone 017.



Adaptation

Add complexity to the design :

- ✦ Include divers, living creatures, sunken boats and jewelries in the focal point.

In these two paintings, paint the sea with blue color powder mixed with open medium, put many drops of turpentine on the wet paint, let them run to one direction to form the current.



Painted by Dr Corinna Siu



Painted by Isaac Lee aged 10

- ✦ Include fairy tales like mermaid in your story

The design : Imagine a diver peeping from a rock hole and saw a mermaid attracted to a ring of pearls. The diver wanted to shout: "Don't touch, it is a trap, see the fisherman's hook at the top of the pearls."

Dr Corinna Siu donated this piece to Victoria Guild of China Painters' auction in Melbourne. Denise Jones won the bid.

