



### May Flaum

While I may not be a painter or a great artist with a brush, I have discovered a tremendous love for creating small canvas works of art. The key is to not worry about perfection, and just have fun with the process. The ScanNCut machine is able to cut so many materials (thick and thin) that it makes it the perfect tool to create a little canvas work of art to hang in your home.

#### MATERIALS:

Brother™ ScanNCut machine, 5" x7" canvas, cardstock, chipboard or grungepaper, paint, gel medium, acrylic paint, spray ink, stamps, black archival ink, glitter glue, white paint

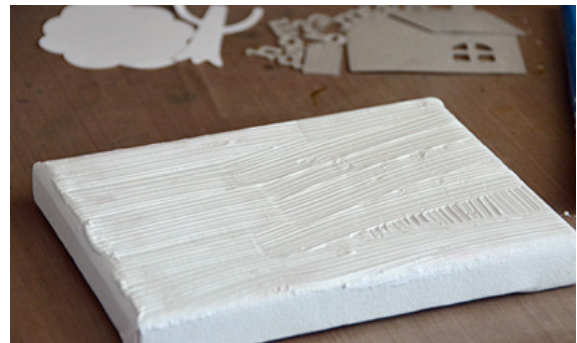
#### step 1.



Cut a tree (3 1/2" high) from cardstock and letters (minimum font size) and a house (3 1/2" high) from grungepaper or chipboard using the built-in designs or create your own!

- step 2.** Coat your canvas with a generous layer of gel medium and white acrylic paint.

*Tip: the thickness should be about the same as you would put peanut butter on a sandwich.*



### step 3.



Take all of your pieces that have been cut out from the ScanNCut machine and set out onto the canvas as you would like them. Adjust as needed, and then coat and cover fully with the gel medium and paint mixture.

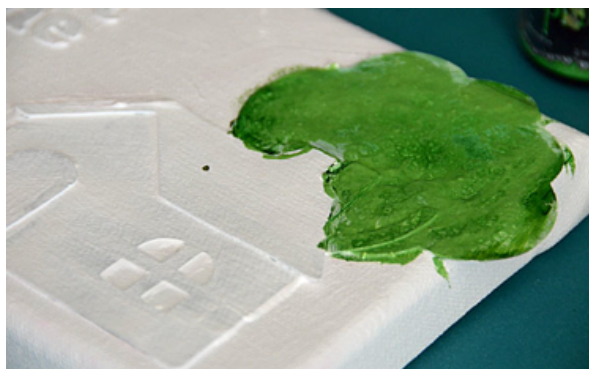
Once covered completely allow the canvas to dry.

*Note: At this point you can take a number of directions. Use spray inks to mist assorted colors, do streaks of paint, color in detail, add more texture or embellishments, and more! This simple process of layering shapes to create texture then decorating is a lot of fun – one of my favorite projects!*

### step 4.

Once dry, the real fun begins! As mentioned above, there are a number of directions where you can take this project. To begin, I colored the tree with green paint and spray ink.

*Note: I chose to do a mix of coloring specific items and doing some random and more artistic coloring as well. I will be walking you through the “how-to” of my canvas, but you could substitute in whatever you happen to have on hand to color your own.*



**step 5.**

Color with spray ink (or color wash) the background a soft yellow. Dab away any excess moisture. Also, paint the roof of the house brown.

**step 6.**

Continue painting pieces as you see fit. Add blue and green paint to create sky and grass, paint the house, and add brown to the tree trunk.

*Tip: Don't get hung up on making this perfect or just right. We are building layers of color and things will keep changing as we go along!*

**step 7.**

Apply white paint to the title area, and to accent and add depth in various spots (such as the house and tree edge).

### step 8.

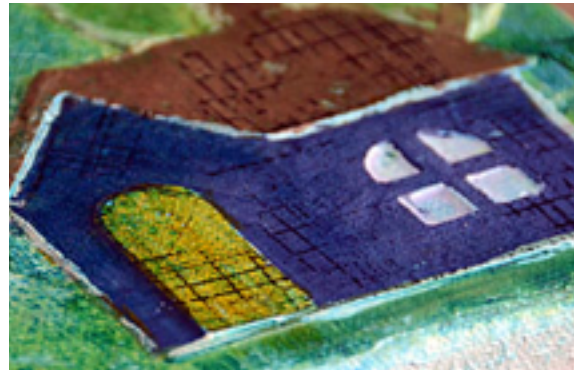


Mist with assorted colors of spray ink to add speckles and to mix up the colors a bit.

*Tip: Allow each layer of color to fully dry, or use a heat tool to dry before adding another layer. Otherwise, you'll end up with muddy colors and a big mess!*

### step 9.

Once satisfied with the colors of your canvas, add some finishing touches with black archival ink and some stamps.



### step 10.



Finish things off with glitter glue on the trees and words, if desired.