

15 FESTIVE ABSTRACT ART RECIPES TO SPARK  
YOUR SEASONAL CREATIVITY

# Creative Holiday Art Recipes



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## Welcome to Creative Holiday Art Recipes!

The holiday season is a wonderful time to explore creativity, connect with your inner artist, and add a touch of festive flair to your art practice. This collection of 15 Holiday Art Recipes is designed to spark inspiration with simple materials and easy-to-follow steps. Each recipe is a little guide for creating unique, abstract pieces infused with holiday charm.

Whether you're a seasoned artist or new to abstract art, you'll find plenty of room to experiment and make each project your own. Use these "recipes" to enjoy creative breaks, add a cozy atmosphere to your workspace, or even create art gifts for loved ones. Get ready to play, explore, and enjoy the magic of holiday-inspired art!

### How to Use This PDF:

1. **Gather Your Materials:** Each recipe starts with a short materials list. Use what you have on hand, and don't hesitate to substitute similar items to fit your style or supplies.
2. **Follow the Steps (or Don't!):** The step-by-step instructions are there to guide you, but feel free to mix things up. Let your creativity lead the way, and remember—there are no mistakes in abstract art!
3. **Add Your Own Touches:** Each recipe includes a tip or two for extra inspiration. Use these to add depth, texture, or a unique spin to your piece.
4. **Share Your Creations:** We'd love to see what you create! If you share on social media, use the hashtag #HolidayArtRecipes or post in the Facebook group so we can enjoy your festive artworks.

# CREATIVE HOLIDAY ART RECIPES



## WINTER WONDERLAND TEXTURES

- MATERIALS: ACRYLIC PAINT (WHITE, SILVER, BLUE), TEXTURED PAPER, GLITTER, PALETTE KNIFE
- PROCESS: APPLY WHITE AND BLUE PAINT IN LOOSE STROKES; WHILE WET, LAYER WITH SILVER PAINT USING THE PALETTE KNIFE TO CREATE RAISED TEXTURES. SPRINKLE GLITTER FOR A FROSTY LOOK.

TIP: USE A DRY BRUSH TO BLEND EDGES, CREATING A MISTY, SNOWY EFFECT.



## CANDY CANE DREAMS

- MATERIALS: RED AND WHITE PAINT, CARDBOARD, MASKING TAPE
- PROCESS: MASK STRIPES ON PAPER, THEN PAINT ALTERNATING STRIPES OF RED AND WHITE. REMOVE TAPE FOR CRISP LINES.

TIP: USE A TOUCH OF METALLIC SILVER IN SOME STRIPES TO ADD SHINE.



## MISTLETOE HUES

- MATERIALS: GREEN WATERCOLOR, POSCA MARKERS, SMALL BRUSH
- PROCESS: CREATE ORGANIC CIRCLES WITH WATERCOLOR, LEAVING WHITE SPACE. ONCE DRY, OUTLINE OR ADD MARKS WITH POSCA MARKERS.

TIP: EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT SHADES OF GREEN FOR DEPTH.



## HOLIDAY LIGHTS BLUR

- MATERIALS: WATERCOLOR (YELLOW, RED, BLUE, GREEN), WATER SPRAY BOTTLE, THICK PAPER
- PROCESS: DROP WATERCOLOR BLOBS ON THE PAPER; SPRITZ WITH WATER TO BLUR COLORS.

TIP: TAP THE PAPER LIGHTLY TO SPREAD COLORS FOR A "LIGHT BOKEH" EFFECT.



## GINGERBREAD GRID

- MATERIALS: BROWN CRAFT PAPER, WHITE PAINT PEN, SMALL BRUSH
- PROCESS: DRAW A GRID ON BROWN PAPER; FILL EACH SQUARE WITH SIMPLE ABSTRACT SHAPES IN WHITE.

TIP: USE A WHITE PAINT PEN FOR FINER DETAILS AND A "FROSTED" LOOK.



## ICICLE IMPRESSIONS

- MATERIALS: BLUE AND SILVER ACRYLICS, PALETTE KNIFE, COARSE SALT
- PROCESS: LAYER BLUE PAINT WITH PALETTE KNIFE; WHILE WET, ADD SILVER ACCENTS. SPRINKLE COARSE SALT FOR ICY TEXTURE.

TIP: LET THE SALT SIT UNTIL DRY, THEN GENTLY BRUSH IT OFF IF DOING WATERCOLOR.



## GIFT WRAP COLLAGE

- MATERIALS: HOLIDAY GIFT WRAP SCRAPS, MATTE MEDIUM, ACRYLIC PAINT
- PROCESS: TEAR GIFT WRAP INTO SHAPES; GLUE ONTO PAPER AND ADD PAINT ACCENTS.

TIP: USE COLORS THAT MATCH THE WRAPPING FOR A COHESIVE LOOK.



## FESTIVE DRIP

- MATERIALS: LIQUID ACRYLICS (RED, GREEN, GOLD), CANVAS OR THICK PAPER
- PROCESS: DROP PAINT AT THE TOP OF YOUR CANVAS, ALLOWING IT TO DRIP DOWN.

TIP: USE A SMALL BRUSH TO GUIDE DRIPS FOR A CONTROLLED LOOK.

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## HOT COCOA SWIRL

- MATERIALS: BROWN, CREAM, AND PINK ACRYLICS, SPONGE
- PROCESS: LAYER PAINT IN SWIRLS, USING A SPONGE TO SOFTEN EDGES.

TIP: ADD WHITE ACCENTS FOR A "MARSHMALLOW" EFFECT.



## PINECONE PATTERNS

- MATERIALS: DARK BROWN AND GREEN MARKERS, WATERCOLOR PAPER
- PROCESS: DRAW REPETITIVE OVALS AND TRIANGLES TO MIMIC PINECONE PATTERNS.

- TIP: USE A FINE TIP FOR DETAILED OUTLINES.



## FIREPLACE GLOW

- MATERIALS: RED, ORANGE, AND YELLOW PAINTS, FAN BRUSH, BLACK PAPER
- PROCESS: USE A FAN BRUSH TO LAYER RED, ORANGE, AND YELLOW IN SHORT STROKES.

TIP: VARY BRUSH PRESSURE FOR FLAME-LIKE EFFECTS.



## SNOWFLAKE LAYERS

- MATERIALS: WHITE AND BLUE MARKERS, WATERCOLOR WASH, THICK PAPER
- PROCESS: PAINT A LIGHT BLUE WATERCOLOR WASH. ONCE DRY, ADD SNOWFLAKE DOODLES IN LAYERS WITH MARKERS.

TIP: MIX SNOWFLAKE SHAPES AND SIZES FOR DEPTH.



## SUGAR PLUM SPARKLES

- MATERIALS: PURPLE, PINK, AND GOLD PAINT, SPONGE, GLITTER
- PROCESS: LAYER PURPLE AND PINK WITH SPONGE; ADD GLITTER WHILE WET FOR SPARKLE.

TIP: ADD GOLD ACCENTS SPARINGLY TO KEEP IT BALANCED.



## ORNAMENT IMPRINTS

- MATERIALS: CIRCULAR STAMPS (OR POTATO STAMPS), RED AND GREEN PAINT, CARD STOCK
- PROCESS: STAMP CIRCLES IN ALTERNATING COLORS, OVERLAPPING FOR DEPTH.

TIP: ADD SMALLER CIRCLES WITH A BRUSH FOR VARIETY.



## SNOWY WOODS

- MATERIALS: WHITE, GREEN, AND BROWN ACRYLICS, PALETTE KNIFE, COARSE BRUSH
- PROCESS: LAYER BROWN AND GREEN TREE SHAPES WITH THE PALETTE KNIFE; ADD WHITE FOR SNOW.

TIP: LIGHTLY DAB WHITE ON BRANCHES TO MIMIC SNOW.



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Hi there! I'm Denise, an artist, photographer, and the creator of digital resources and creative workshops. My passion for art and the creative process has guided my career, as I continuously explore various mediums and techniques to express new ideas—whether I'm working with paint, pencils, or digital tools. I love pushing artistic boundaries and experimenting with what's possible.

In addition to making my own art, I'm dedicated to teaching others through workshops and classes. I believe that creativity is an essential part of life, and I'm here to help you unlock your own artistic potential, no matter where you are in your journey. Let's keep creating and exploring together!

