## PAWS PARK

## The stencil kit includes

49 stencils, release paper (for storing stencils on)

## You will also need

Acrylic paints - used for stenciling
Pre-painted room - painted with latex paint (semi-gloss or satin recommended)
Brushes - 10-20 foam brushes of various sizes, 1 fine brush for touch-ups and the eyes, and foam roller(s) for the larger stencils
Ball-point pen - used for drawing eyes
Chalk - used for sketching hills
Paper plates - used to hold acrylic paints
Paper towels and baby wipes- used for keeping stencil clean when reusing
Scissors - used for separating stencils and cutting away any extra plastic

## How to paint the mural

1. Paint background colors. For a scene with sky and rolling hills, you will need 2 to 3 colors of latex paint (1-blue and 2-greens).
a. First, paint the sky and let dry.
b. Next, if you want depth to your hills, paint the darker green color hills in the background and let dry
c. Finally, paint the lighter color hill in front and let dry.
*Tip! If you want the hills to come above the furniture, use chalk to mark out where the furniture will be, and then sketch the hills.
Tip! An easy way to paint hills is with a paint roller
*Tip! Save background color paint for touch-ups.
*Tip! We recommended painting the background colors 1-2 weeks prior to stenciling. Some latex paints take over a week to completely dry.
2. Stencil the walls. The kit contains five sheets with several stencils on each sheet. The stencils have a self-adhesive backing, so no tape or glue is required. Simply peel, stick, paint, remove and reuse.
*Tip! It's a good idea to test the layout of your design prior to stenciling. Before peeling the stencils off the paper backing, use scissors to divide the large sheets into individual stencils. This will allow you tape them to the wall first and to try different variations to see what you like best.
a. PEEL: First, peel the stencil from the release paper. The stencils are tear-resistant, but it is best to be careful. If you feel a hang-up, stop and peel from another direction.
b. STICK: Next, place the stencil on the wall and rub it down with your hand, making sure that all inner edges are down to avoid any bleeding.
*Tip! You can use scissors to cut away any extra plastic on the stencils. This will allow you to get closer to the baseboards and/or paint objects closer together at the same time.
c. PAINT: Then, with a foam brush apply a thin coat of acrylic paint with a gentle patting or stabbing motion (or roll it on thinly if using a roller). Apply a second coat as necessary
*Tip! Practice with something simple like a cloud
*Tip! To avoid bleeding, make sure not to put too much paint on the brush. 2 or 3 light coats will work much better than one thick one. Also, after you wash your brush make sure it is completely dry before using it again. Squeeze the water out with a hand towel and use a hair dryer to speed things up
*Tip! You can create depth to a scene by layering. For example, paint a cat in front of the lamp post or a bird in front of a cloud.
*Tip! To paint in the eyes of the animals, refer to the eye kit provided.
d. REMOVE: Finally, after the paint is semi-dry, remove the stencil from the wall. For the tree, you'll need to in any areas left unpainted due to stencil bridges (plastic areas of the stencil that hold two edges together and are necessary to preserve its structure).
*Tip! Store the stencils on the extra sheets of release paper.
e. REUSE: The stencils can be reused efficiently approximately 5-10 times.
*Tip! When reusing a stencil, place it on the wall and press down with a paper towel. This will help keep it clean and prevent excess build-up. You can remove dried paint on the stencil with a baby wipe.

## Acrylic paint

Acrylic paints are conveniently available through our website in Paint Kits and at craft and fabric stores. We recommend the Americana and FolkArt brands. Be aware that some hobby acrylic paints are more watery than others. Watery acrylics will cause bleeding under the stencil. We do not recommend Anita's, Delta Ceramcoat or any metallic hobby paint.

## Acrylic paint kit (sold separately at www.MyWonderfulWalls.com)

Below is a list of the colors we have found work well together for this kit. Please note that the quantity of paint we suggest is an estimate. The amount of paint you actually use will depend on the size of the room and the number of times you paint each design. Note that these are merely suggestions. Don't be afraid to channel the inner artist within or, if you prefer, simply mimic what we have already done. There are endless possibilities of how the mural can be painted.

## Acrylic paint

Brand: Americana


Size: 8 oz. bottles


Ultra Blue Deep DA100

## Latex paint (available at home stores)

These are the colors we have used and know look good, but you can find similar colors at any home store (Lowe's, Home Depot, etc.)

Sky


Olympic
Spring Waterfall A54-3 Semi-gloss or Satin, Available at Lowe's


Olympic, Bell pepper B66-6 Semi-gloss or Satin, Available at Lowe'

Forefront Hills

Olympic,
Leap frog A66-6 Semi-gloss or Satin,
Available at Lowe's

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