

geometric canvas art

WITH JENNI YOLO

TIME: *About 1 hour*

YOU WILL NEED:

- 1 large canvas
- 2 quarts of paint (one color a few shades lighter than the other)
- 1 paint tray
- 1 package of adhesive drawer liner
- 1 4" sponge brush
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 can of non-yellowing top coat sealant (optional)

PAINT YOUR CANVAS THE LIGHTER OF THE TWO COLORS

1. Lay out your canvas and apply your lighter color as your base. If using a white canvas, one coat may be enough. If you're covering a previously used canvas, you may need two or three coats to completely cover. Allow to dry for 10 to 15 minutes.

TIP: *Save money by buying a canvas at a thrift store and painting over its previous design.*

CUT, ARRANGE, AND ADHERE SHAPES

2. Cut out shapes from the adhesive drawer liner paper. Shapes can be anything you want! We've done letters, simple shapes, and abstractions. You can be really freestyle here. Cut enough shapes, so you can fill the canvas edge-to-edge while still leaving some space between them. Arrange your shapes until you're happy with the look.

3. Peel off the backing and adhere your shapes to the canvas. Smooth them out with your hands so there are no creases where paint could sneak in.

PAINT YOUR CANVAS THE DARKER COLOR

4. Paint the entire canvas with your second, darker color, going right over the shapes. For a gallery wrap effect, you can opt to paint the sides of the canvas this darker shade, too. Allow to dry for 10 to 15 minutes. Apply a second coat of the darker color.

ALLOW TO DRY AND REMOVE THE SHAPES

5. Allow your canvas to dry for at least 10-15 minutes, but ideally even longer (you want to ensure the canvas is completely dry before pulling off the shapes). Peel up your adhesive shapes and discard.

ADD A TOP COAT (OPTIONAL)

6. To give your artwork a longer life, apply a top coat sealant. Allow to dry.