

Crafts Beautiful Magazine

Painted China

Start with...

Espresso cups and
Saucers

Paint: Pebeo, Porcelain,
Citrine Yellow 01; Ruby
Red 07; Ivory 43; Porcelain

Paint Pen, Peridot Green

Masking film, Frisket

Paintbrush, fine

Craft knife

Self-adhesive dots

Sponge, small pieces

Cotton wool buds

Baby wipes

Plastic wrap

Hair dryer



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Wash a mug thoroughly in warm, soapy water and leave to air dry. Trim a 6cm square from masking film and position a simple flower template in the centre. Cut it out using a craft knife – both pieces will be used, with the negative shape on the front of the cup and the positive flower on the saucer. Ensure the film is pressed and smoothed down firmly onto the surface of the china to prevent paint from seeping underneath. Stick a self-adhesive dot in the centre of the negative flower on the cup.

Next, pour yellow porcelain paint onto a white plate covered with plastic wrap. Use a small piece of sponge to dab the paint onto the saucer, then immediately press the area with a dry piece of sponge to reduce the bubbles created. Mix pink paint, again on a plate covered with plastic wrap, using a small touch of ivory with red. Colour the flower on the cup with it.

Once touch dry, carefully remove the masking film and dots. Heat the china with a hair dryer and the film will peel off easily; a craft knife also helps with this process. Use damp cotton buds or baby wipes to remove any paint, which may have bled under the stencils. If necessary, clean up some of the edges with a fine paintbrush and a little of the mixed paint.

Using a fine paintbrush, make a yellow dot in the centre of the pink flower and, using ivory paint straight from the pot, draw tiny dashes around the edge of the flower to give the effect of running stitch. Make vertical dashes around the top rim of the cup with a porcelain paint pen, then join each dash at the top to represent blanket stitch.

To complete the saucers, draw small pink dashes around the edge of the flower shape, a green dot in the centre made with a porcelain pen, and finish with pink dashes around the green dot. Leave to dry for 24 hours and bake according to the paint manufacturer's instructions.

Tip: If you want to speed up the cleaning process, wipe the china with nail varnish remover; the solution will remove any trace of dirt or grease, which may prevent the stencils and paint from adhering properly