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# Dandelions on Black Canvas

### In your kit:

Black canvas  
White paint  
Milkshake straw

### What you'll need:

Scissors  
Sharpie or tape for marking straws  
Fine paint brush  
Flat plate for paint



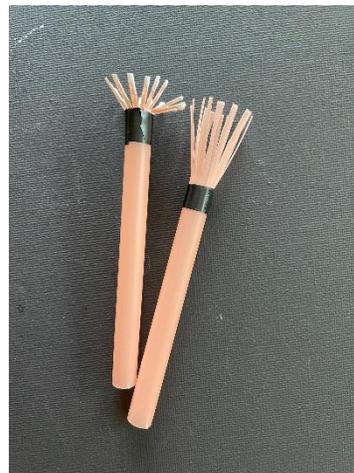
This is our very first craft that will take place in-person. If you've opted to pick up a kit instead of joining us on August 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm, you can watch me Live on Facebook August 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm. BUT you can still change your mind if you picked up a kit. Call the Library to sign up for a spot to craft in person!

Starting in September, in-person craft programs are moving to Wednesday nights (instead of Thursday). See our calendar on the website for dates and crafts.

## Instructions

Warning: This craft causes some very fine splatter of white paint. Prep your craft area and dress accordingly.

1. Cut your straw in two to make two different sizes of dandelions.
2. Mark one straw with tape or sharpie  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from the bottom and the other 1".
3. Use your sharpest scissors to cut your straw into thin strips. Cut evenly up to your marked line so that straw/dandelion tines can lay flat when you dip it into the paint. You should be able to get 12 to 14 tines.

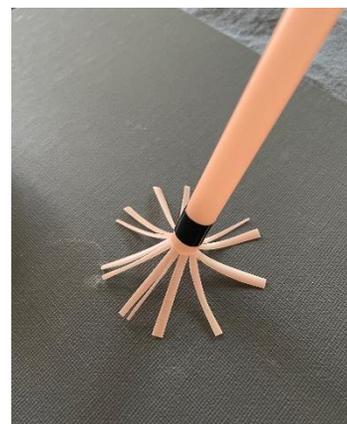
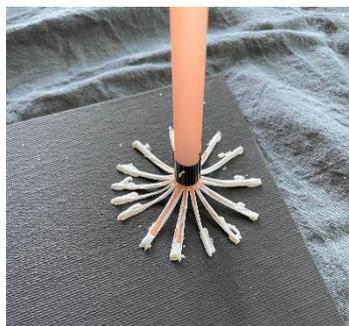


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4. Flatten each cut straw piece with your nail so that the straw can be placed flat without the tines folding in. You may need to make sure that your cuts are all of the way to the top of the marked area.

### **PRACTICE STEP 5 & 6 BEFORE YOU PAINT YOUR CANVAS**

5. Pour some of your white paint onto a flat plate or surface. Dab your straws flat into the paint and rotate the straws while dabbing. You may need to get rid of extra paint if too much adhered to the straw tines.
6. Gently place the flattened straw down and lift again and press down again. Continuing this dab and rotate motion until you have the dandelion as full as you'd like.



7. Fill your canvas in a random way, including making it look like one or two dandelions are off the canvas. Do small dandelions interspersed with large ones. Leave some negative space in the upper middle area to draw the eye inward.
8. Take a fine paint brush and fill the centers of the dandelion a bit and draw their stems. Hint: making the stems curved brings motion to the painting.
9. Draw little dandelion seeds "on the wind" in some of the negative black spaces.
10. If you'd like to make the soft bottom margin, you can use a toothbrush or, like me, gently use the finest tines and gently rubbed and smudged the paint with my index finger.

We got our inspiration from this video on Pinterest: <https://bit.ly/Springvaledandelions> OR Google *White Paint Dandelions on Black Canvas* for tons of YouTube how-to videos!