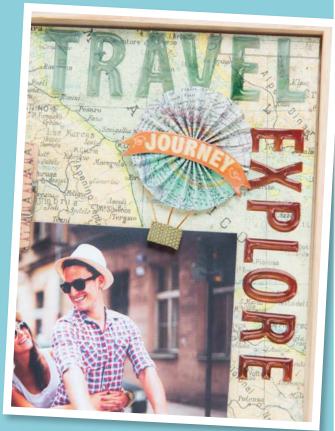


# Craft with Canvas {CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS free FROM HOBBY LOBBY.}

#### STITCH HUNT

Try a medley of canvases for this strike-it-stitch look. A. For 3D effect, we adhered paper to a wood painting panel and piled on the embellishments. B. We added crocheted floral designs and metal flowers to a painted canvas. C. For a little texture, we stitched the Little Miss Crafty design right onto the canvas.







# GIVE AND LEARN

Help your favorite teacher celebrate the first day of school with a personalized sign of the times. To make one like ours, embellish a sturdy wooden painting panel with craft paint, a chalk marker, and a joyful assortment of ribbons and papers.

#### SEEING STARS

Your little one is sure to sleep tight and not let the bedbugs bite with a soothing light-up sign. Just trace letters and designs onto adhesive-backed chalkboard vinyl, cut them out and adhere them to canvas. Then paint the canvas and remove the vinyl. Give it a glow by adding battery-operated lights to the back of the frame. Sweet dreams, indeed.



# THE FRILL OF IT

Nothing says shabby-sweet like creamy neutrals, distressed wood elements and DIYs that make you go "ahh..." Here's what you need for these pretties: FRAMES: Barn wood frames, burlap canvas, paint, ribbon, clothespins RED FLOWER CANVAS: burlap canvas, paint, gold leaf BRANCH CANVAS: canvas, paint, paper, LED branches, crocheted flowers



## « CHIRP TO IT

This collection brought to you by the letter T—for texture. Upgrade canvases of all kinds (wood, burlap, original) with the embellishments of your choice (leather, metal, paint, paper) for a collected-over-time look.

BIRD PANELS: wood painting panel, paper, metal bird décor CROSS PLAQUE: oval canvas, burlap, cross, thumbtacks FAITH SIGN: canvas, stencils, modeling paste, paint

#### » BURLAP THAT

For instant depth-inducing texture, take a pass on the paint and cover your canvas with burlap. Just wrap it tightly, and staple it at the back to secure. *Tip:* Love the nail-head look? Try metal thumbtacks.

















#### « SEA YOU SOON

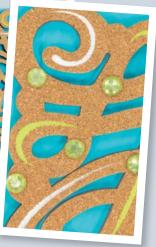
We got this under-the-sea gallery wall off the ground with an assortment of gesso board and painting panels and a pack of mad-for-maritime paper. We adhered paper to the various canvases and then filled in the spaces with nautical-themed accents.

## ~ THERE'S YOUR SIGN

Totally-you home décor is just a hop, skip and a canvas away! All you need is a canvas, fabric, paint and adhesive-backed chalkboard vinyl. First, staple the fabric to the canvas. Then cut letters from the vinyl, place them on the canvas and paint. The hardest part is choosing the design!

# « TRIED AND BLUE

The key to a workstation that works for you is in a collection of make-you-grin DIYs. We adhered the whimsical corkboard to a painted canvas. It comes as-is, except for the bling and the paint swirls. We added those ourselves—and we wouldn't mind if you did the same. And the monogram sign is a painted paper-maché letter adhered to a painted and stenciled canvas.



## « CORK IT OVER

We'll let you in on a little secret: those blingy gemstones you see? Not only are they fabulous—they're functional too. They're gemstone-topped thumbtacks! Sharp thinkers, no? (Pun intended.)

#### « B SWEET

You can freehand white stripes over a blue base coat for a look like this. But if you prefer crisp, uniform lines, try sectioning them off with painter's tape. When the paint is dry, you can glue on a ready-to-go monogram from Home Accents.

#### » LET ME BEETLE

For multilayered designs, work with just one color at a time. For example, we did a base coat of light blue for this look. Then we let it dry before adding dark blue stripes. After that, we added the beetle —white paint first and orange paint after.

← A BUG'S LIFE Specimen art can live outside the fifth-grade science room, you know. It's a natural addition to any quirky-chic space! Give plastic bugs a coat of paint (the gold takes away the ick factor), and glue them to painted mini canvases. Then adhere the pieces to a larger canvas.



#### » LEG UP

Hot glue does a good job of keeping these creepy crawlies in place. If you want a less permanent display, try adhesive dots.

#### « STICK TO IT

Here's an easy DIY: Glue heavy-duty ceramic craft magnets to the backs of mini canvases. You can embellish them any way you please. We decked ours with acrylic paint and a collection of cutie-pie animal buttons.

## » A CUT ABOVE

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If you're not a painter, try your hand at this cut-and-layer technique. It's a unique twist on canvas art, and it's a fun way to incorporate some of your favorite craft papers. Step-by-step instructions ahead.



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