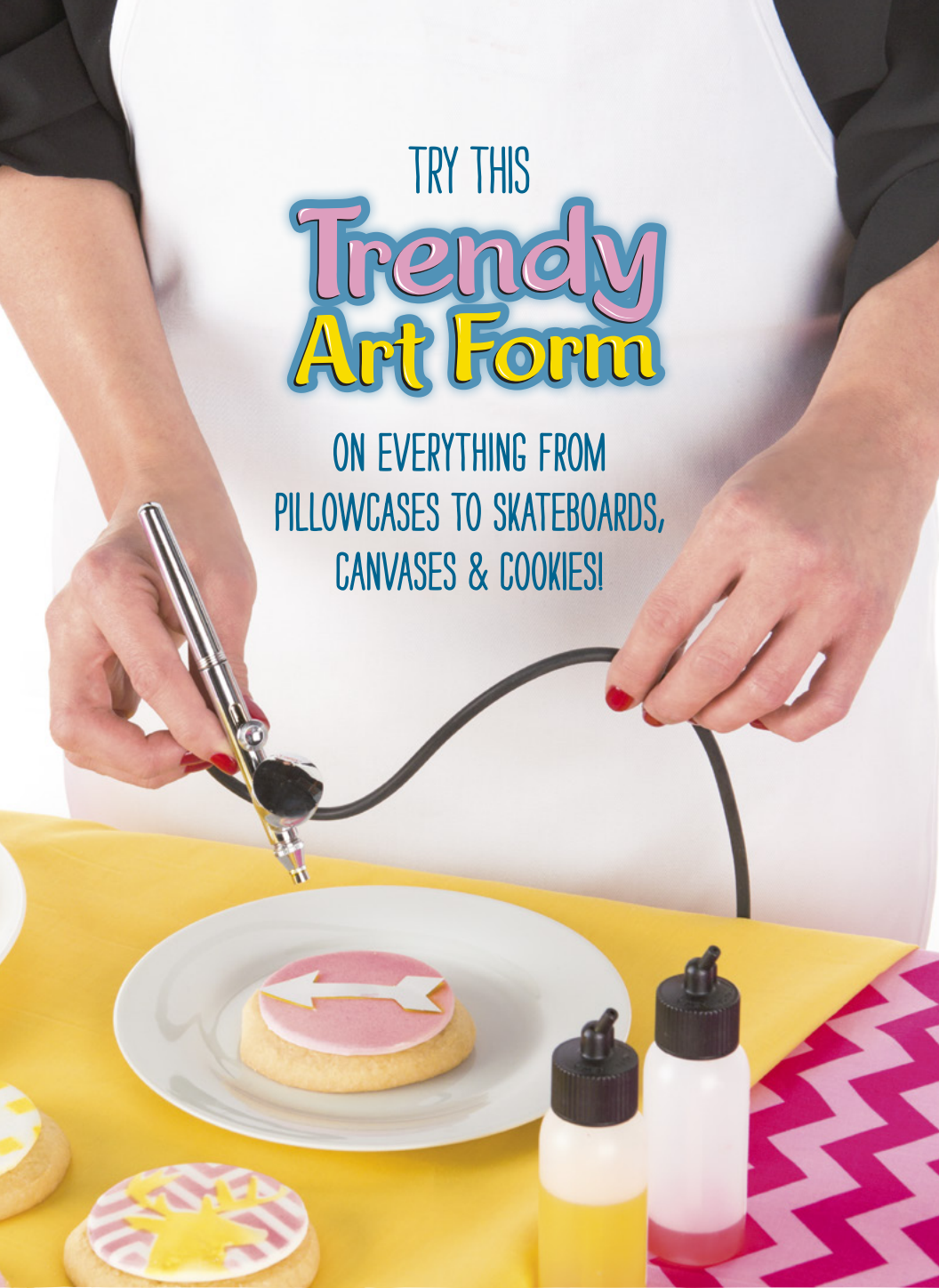


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Trendy Art Form

ON EVERYTHING FROM
PILLOWCASES TO SKATEBOARDS,
CANVASES & COOKIES!



Airbrush Basics

{CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS *free* FROM HOBBY LOBBY.}

≈ PILLOW PALS

Grab your airbrush gun and your best gal pal, and whip up a pair of BFF-approved pillowcases! Draw or trace your design on the pillowcase, and start painting. The key to airbrushing the well-defined bubble letters is to use less pressure when spraying close up. Your handiwork will definitely be the star of the slumber party!



BRUSH OF BAMBOO »

For your own taste-of-the-tropics work of art, start by sketching your design on the canvas. Then, working from the lightest color to the darkest, start painting. Wondering how to get those crisp, even lines on the bamboo leaves? Hold a piece of paper against the canvas to use as a straight edge.





« FRAME PLAN

Brighten up a craving-some-color corner with a trendy trio of airbrushed quotes. We made our own stencils by printing designs we liked and cutting out the lettering with a craft knife. Then we airbrushed the quotes onto Bristol paper. For the light and airy look, spray from farther back in a gentle sweeping motion.



CLEANING 101

You'll want to clean your gun after each use to prevent clogged paint and to keep it running smoothly for DIYs to come. Here's how:

- Pour a bit of water or airbrush cleaner into the cup, and pull the trigger until it runs clear.
- To clean the inside of the gun, put your finger over the tip and pull back on the trigger —this forces the airflow backward into the gun.
- Remember to clean your gun before each color change so your colors stay true.



≈ YOU'VE GOT NAIL

No need to book an appointment at the salon for a so-fresh mani. We airbrushed in layers for this look, starting by painting the whole nail white. Next came a layer of pink, followed by gold. Then we draped lace trim over the nail and painted over it with blue.

SMART COOKIE

Take the baking world by storm with professional-quality airbrushed cookies! The key to these pretties is to airbrush a mixture of extract and luster dust over stencils (*chevron*) and die cuts (*arrow and deer head*).

Note: When airbrushing edible items, use a gun dedicated only to decorating food.



WOOD TO GO ≈

Our bare wood pieces make great airbrush mediums because they don't require any prep work. They're ready to paint right off the shelf. But we just had to doll 'em up a bit. We made a scallop template out of cardstock to give our wise guy his telltale feathers. And we added some groovy embellishments to our two-tone peace sign.



≈ SKATE & SEE

You'll be able to kickflip with the best of 'em with your airbrushed skate gear. We started both the board and the helmet with a layer of primer. Then we airbrushed black paint over a crackle stencil. We finished by masking off our design with tape and painting it yellow.

AIRBRUSH TIPS

- Before you begin a project, practice airbrushing on paper so you can get a feel for the gun.
- The farther back you pull the trigger, the more paint comes out. So when airbrushing close up, be careful not to pull back too far.
- A few drops of color go a long way, so start out with less paint than you think you'll need.
- For detailed spraying, hold the gun close to what you're airbrushing. To cover a larger area, spray from farther back.

≈ THE WHEEL DEAL

Take model trucks and airplanes from standard-issue basics to display-ready keepsakes by airbrushing them before assembly. The beauty of this project is that it can be as simple or as complex as you like. You could go with solid colors, or you might try taping off sections (*plane*) or using stencils (*truck*) for customized designs.

