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## **WATERCOLOR STRIPES TOTE**

### **SUPPLIES**

- washed canvas tote bag
- fabric ink, color of choice
- masking tape
- paint brush
- cardboard, the size of your tote bag
- water
- paint tray

### **DIRECTIONS**

1. Protect your work surface with newspaper, a plastic table cloth or an old towel.
2. Place your ruler along the left edge of the bag. Use a pencil to draw light marks 1 inch apart, starting at the bottom. Make as many as you like. For our bag, we made six marks. Repeat on the right edge.
3. Press the masking tape horizontally between the first and second marks. Then alternate a canvas row with a

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masking tape roll. For this bag, we used a total of three strips of masking tape that were the length of the bag.

4. Insert cardboard in the tote to provide a flat working surface and a barrier between the front and back sides of the tote.
5. Mix fabric ink and water in the paint tray and begin painting the tote starting with the canvas row on the bottom. Remember that the more ink you use, the more intense the color will be. It's OK when ink goes on the masking tape. For each canvas row above the bottom row, and if you want a gradient look, add water to your mixture. The lighter the color, the more the ink is diluted with water. You don't have to specifically paint over the masking tape areas. The paint you brushed on the tape as you painted the canvas rows will be enough.
6. Once all the desired areas are painted, leave the tote to sit and dry a bit.
7. Remove tape and see what is revealed!



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