

Steampunk Gears

Grade Level: 01 & Up**Time:** 60 mins.**Difficulty:** Medium**Clean Up:** Soap & Water

Steampunk is a popular form of artistic and literary expression. According to Wikipedia, "Steampunk is a subgenre of science fiction or science fantasy that incorporates technology and aesthetic designs inspired by 19th-century industrial steam-powered machinery." Images of retro-futuristic Steampunk technology frequently incorporate gears and the use of iron oxide colors, as well as gold, silver and gray. Using Gear Stencils, we'll be creating elegant backgrounds inspired by Steampunk.

Materials Used:Roylco **Gear Stencils** (R58624)

drawing paper (8.5x11")

pastels (red & brown hues)

vine charcoal

watercolors

(yellow, orange, green and blue hues)

cotton ball

eraser

brush

**Step 1**

First, we need to create our composition. On a sheet of paper, attach your Gear Stencils with a small amount of removable tape. Pay attention to where the gears line up, and how they fit together. How does their placement reflect their purpose? Continue to build your composition, filling up the space, until you have everything where you want it.

Step 2

Once you're satisfied with your composition, use a red or brown pastel chalk to go over the background spaces that are not covered. Be careful not to color underneath the stencils, because we want those areas to remain clean. As you work, smooth your pastel marks with a piece of cotton to blend them together.

Step 3

Before you remove the gears from the paper, trace over their outlines with a piece of thin charcoal. Then remove the stencils from the paper.

Step 4

Using your watercolors, fill the spaces where the stencils used to be. Let dry.

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