

“Bubble-Painted Hydrangeas”

1. Dip your sponge into water, and wipe off your entire plate to remove bisque dust – top, bottom, edges, everywhere.
2. Select two flower colors, and mix up two cups of bubble-painting solution. Here’s how:

-- using the small plastic cup as a measuring jigger, fill a Styrofoam cup with ONE jigger of water and ONE jigger of color.

-- measure out TWO drops of soap onto your plastic spoon, and use the spoon to THOROUGHLY mix the paint solution.



3. Use the straw to GENTLY blow bubbles into the solution. If bubbles are not forming, try this:
 - Blow more gently. Not working? Then...
 - Stir, stir, stir the solution, to make sure the soap is evenly distributed throughout. Not working? Then...
 - Add a little more water, stir it in thoroughly. Not working? Then...
 - If you are STILL not getting bubble results, thoroughly mix in ONE MORE DROP of soap, then try again.

CAREFUL: Be careful not to tip the cup and spill bubble solution onto the pottery.

TOO MUCH SOAP is not desirable and will lead to a glaze-starved finished piece, so don’t overdo the soap!

4. Using your lighter color first, GENTLY blow into the straw until a blob of bubbles overflows onto your pottery.
5. Encourage the blob into a round-ish shape, and let the bubbles BREAK NATURALLY – don’t break them.
6. Leaving an inch or so of space between them, fill up your pottery with “bubble blobs” until you have an appealing arrangement.
7. When the bubbles on your pottery are mostly broken, you can break the last few with your straw.
8. Now, layer a deeper color “bubble blob” on top of each lighter one, to complete the hydrangeas.
9. Again, let the bubbles pop naturally, but you can pop the last few stragglers.
10. **BREAK TIME:** Allow your bubble flowers to dry while you enjoy a snack!
11. Use ARMY SURPLUS (or your preferred green) to create some leaf shapes in the space around your flowers. Use POPEYE’S FAVORITE to outline the leaves and add some veining, if you like.
12. Dip the edge of your round sponge into ARMY SURPLUS, drag the sponge across the edge of your Styrofoam plate to remove the excess, and use it to sponge-paint 3 coats onto the edge of your pottery.
13. Sign your pottery with a paintbrush or glaze pencil, and bring it (and your completed tag) up to the desk.