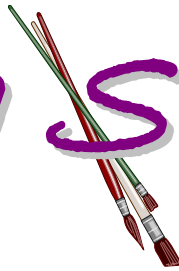


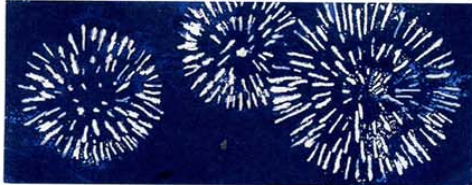


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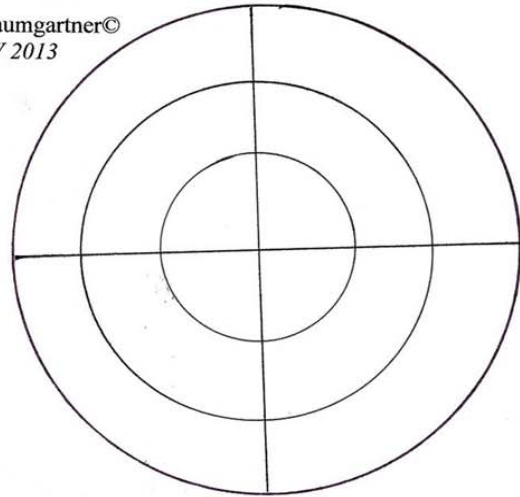
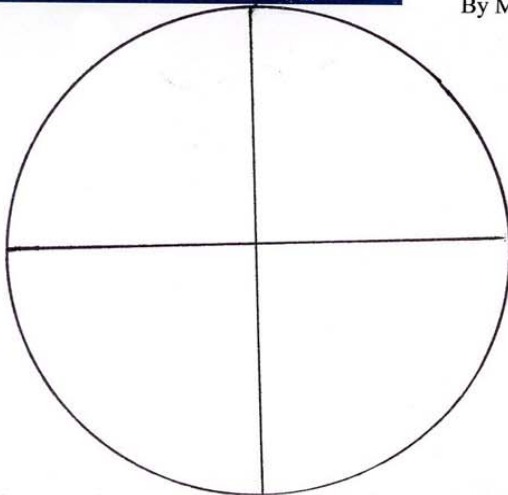
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STEPS TO CREATING FIREWORKS IN A DARK SKY

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- 1) Using a pencil set up a circle the diameter you want the size the fireworks need to be in proportion to the size of your painting. Draw a vertical line and a horizontal line through the circle so you'll know where the center of the fireworks is.
- 2) Select a second circle that is proportionately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch smaller in diameter than the first one and draw that circle using the cross lines in the center for the center of each circle. If using a lid or the bottom of a glass, be sure to use three different sizes for each fireworks burst.
- 3) Make a third circle for the middle of the fireworks since you have to imagine that fireworks are round like a ball when you view them in the sky and the sky holes show up round.
- 4) After you have decided if this is the right size for the outside of the fireworks circle, proceed with masking fluid to make slash marks toward the center and in some places connecting with the rim of each circle. In the center circle limit the number and size of the slash marks because just the ends of them would be seen if you are looking directly at the burst of fireworks.
- 5) Paint in the sky area covering the work you just did. Naturally the masking fluid will cover the fire burst and the dark paint will cover the pencil lines. If it is a night sky with a few different colors, use Winsor blue + Alizarin + Winsor green, and to vary the color and suggest darker areas in the sky, use the same mix as above but add Indian Red to the mix. Predetermine where you want the darkest part of the sky.
- 6) Make sure the paint is dry and that you haven't touched paint to paper unless the masking fluid is totally dry. Don't use the hair dryer on the masking fluid. You can use the dryer on the paint, however. When you start to remove the masking fluid remember to rub hard so that the slash marks will show up even after any heavier marks toward the edges of your circles come off white.
- 7) To make colored fireworks, the colors should go on before the masking fluid but after the pencil drawing. The colors should follow the pencil lines and change color accordingly.