Pearl at Home

This art project is designed for suggested ages of 14 and up to be completed at home with easily-accessible art materials.

DECORATED MONOGRAMS

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**MATERIALS**

- White tag board or watercolor paper
- Watercolor brushes and paint
- Grafix Double Tack mounting film
- Mona Lisa Simple Leaf - Gold
- Pencil  · Scissors
- Optional:
  · Tracing paper  · Inktense pencils

**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

From celebrities to stylists to just people in our own town, you’re probably seeing monograms everywhere! Although the monogram trend is not new, it is certainly regaining popularity these days.

**Origin and Background:**
Monograms started as far back as the early Greek and Roman eras. Rulers would put the seal of their monograms on currency. In the Middle Ages, artists took the idea and applied monograms as their signature on their artwork. Later, the Victorians enjoyed using their monograms to show off their wealth and status by putting it on jewelry, or having it embroidered on some of their personal items.

**Purpose:**
In this spirit of personalization, we have an art project that can feature your own monogram and can express you as an individual.

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Design your monogram.

   View the art lesson video by instructor Evelyn Bouley on our Youtube channel to see examples of different fonts and get inspiration for your monogram.

   Visit the Youtube video or pearlmfa.org/pearlathom for links to where you can find these materials.
2 Transfer your letter to Double Tack paper. Cut out with scissors.

3 Peel paper off the back of the Double Tack and apply to the paper in your desired location. (In the video example, the letter was centered in the middle of the wreath composition.)

4 Remove the top of the Double Tack in order to expose the adhesive.

5 Lay down a sheet of gold leaf paper from the Mona Lisa Simple Leaf package upon the exposed adhesive initial. Apply gentle pressure before removing the sheet of gold leaf from the paper surface. Use a brush to gently remove the excess gold leaf pieces from the edges of your letter.

6 Complete your project by decorating it with a wreath painted with watercolors. Pick your own designs for the wreath to really give it a personal touch.

   Watch the video lesson to see a variety of approaches for designing your wreath. Have fun and make your Decorative Monogram a true expression of you!