

[Bad Girls Project 52](#) Challenge #1 - Canvas/Hero/Natural Item by Aimee Wheaton

Hi all!

This is your friendly designer Aimée (Ah-May). I had a lot of fun with this challenge! Being that it is the month of October and *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*, I decided to make my "**Hero**" a breast cancer survivor and superhero! For selling purposes she'll be called "*Hope*" for this challenge I shall call her the "*Pink Avenger*" - *Saving the Tatas One At A Time!* Thought the world could use a little humor! Not to make light of women battling cancer but to spread hope and joy even in the worst of times. OK on to the good stuff!

First off I did some searching and found this wonderful focal image on Etsy. I thought she was a perfect fit for this project because she's opening her coat up wide and looks pretty bold!

- I did an image transfer using **Golden's Regular Gel Matte Medium**.
- To do this technique I printed out a laser jet copy of the digital image and layered over it with the gel medium.
- I did 2 coats but let the first coat dry before applying the second coat.
- I then soaked it in a little plastic dish with water for about 3 minutes.
- Once the paper was completely soaked I started gently peeling the paper off from the back using my fingers in a rolling motion.
- Don't push too hard because you could rip the "skin".
- Once I made sure all the paper was off I let it dry overnight.
- I really like this technique because you can see through it and add it over your layers where you want it to go instead of putting the gel onto the canvas directly and having your image stuck on there. Set the "skin" aside until the background is done.



Next I gathered up the bits and pieces of little scrap papers, ephemera, fabric and whatever else fit my piece and started layering them directly onto the canvas.

- I applied each piece using the same gel medium, this stuff is perfect for so many projects!
- Once that was dry I then painted some soft layers of pink and orange **Claudine Hellmuth paints**. I love her paint but you can use any acrylic paint.
- Next I pulled out my favorite **Pearl Ex powders** and started brushing them on wherever I thought looked best. The best part of these is that you can layer them.
- Take the "Skin" and color on the back of it. I colored in her cheeks and skin tone and gave her some make up, I did it on the back of the skin so it wouldn't smear when gluing the image down.
- Next I placed the main image "skin" where I wanted it and glued it down with gel medium again on the back and on top of the entire image.

- Once the main image is dry (you can use a heat gun to set it faster but don't overheat it might bubble up) I took a Micron pen and traced the outlines of the image I wanted to stand out.

The one thing we needed to use in this "Hero" theme was dried flowers. I also looked on Etsy for some funky flowers to use and found the petal that is the main part of her hat. Glue that down with gel medium as well but be super careful because the petals are dry and could crack.

- Over that layer I sprinkled on some **pink glitter** for fun.
- The small yellow flowers were some dried flowers my daughter gave me, glued those with gel medium as well.
- Once all the glue was dry I traced the outline of the main image with a **General's Sketch & Wash pencil** which sets apart the focal image even more.
- You can have a hard line or a soft one depending on whether or not you paint water over it or not. That's the beauty of the sketch & wash pencil.
- I also glued in little iridescent pink flower **sequins** in various parts of the piece. I then painted in her eyes using **acrylics** and added a bit more makeup to her.

My favorite part was putting on her badge of hope. The pink sequined and beaded piece is actually a **pendant** for a necklace that I purchased at Michael's. You can use any found object for a focal and this just fit! The two "nipples" that hold up her badge are pink glittery **brads** also purchased at Michael's.

- I poked 2 holes through the canvas to stick them through with a bead **awl** and secured it on the back with **Tacky glue**.
- I secured the pendant on the back using **E6000 glue** for a strong hold (be careful it's toxic).
- The **ribbon** was some that I had and fit perfectly through the **hope finding** which was on clearance at Michael's. I glued the hope finding to the pendant and glued the ribbon to the canvas under the pendant.

Finally to finish it off I used **Ranger Distress Ink** around the edges of the piece in pink and brown to frame the piece.

- Added in a little copper **Pearl Ex** and painted the sides with **Golden fluid acrylics** with my fingers.
- Last but not least added more distress ink to the sides and sealed it with a glossy spray! Voila the "Pink Avenger" is born!!

I hope you enjoy it!!! I had fun doing it!

Supply list:

1. Canvas (I used a 5 x 7)
2. Golden Regular Gel Matte Medium
3. Pearl Ex Powders
4. Claudine Hellmuth Acrylic Paints
5. Pink Glitter
6. Sequins
7. General's Sketch & Wash pencil
8. Pendant
9. Brads
10. Bead Awl
11. Tacky Glue
12. Findings
13. Ribbon
14. Ranger Distress Ink
15. Golden Fluid Acrylics

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