

Francesca's Bad Girls Project 52 Challenge #1 Canvas

My hero is my mom. I didn't realize until I became a mother myself, how much I truly appreciate her. She is a super-extraordinary-loving-creative-smart-doctor-nurturer-supportive-best-mom-ever!!! I only hope and pray that I can be half the mom she is to my children. This woman can:

- make an awesome gourmet dinner with anything and nothing
- make a bump stop hurting by putting some water on it
- wipe away tears and make it all better
- sew a masterpiece outfit out of a few scraps
- knit beautiful blankets that keep us all cozy and warm on cold winter days
- crochet beautiful sweaters that are totally hip and cool

This lady is so very loved and appreciated.



For this project I used the following supplies:

canvas

gel medium (Liquitex)

gesso (Liquitex)

old book pages

Prima dried flowers and natural elements

Prima leaf stamp

Prima jumbo page pebbles

cork

pearls

pom-pom ribbon

Studio-mini Quickkutz and Revolution (for brown/pink alphas)

Heidi Swapp white alphas

American Crafts chipboard frame

Step-by-step Instructions:

1. add a liberal amount of gel medium to the canvas and adhere the book pages to cover the entire canvas.
2. run a brayer, or a credit card will do, over the book pages to squeeze out any air bubbles
3. create a white wash by using gesso and adding a little bit of water to thin it out, and brush the entire surface of the bookpages. The gesso should be translucent and reveal the book pages underneath.
4. wipe down with a cloth some parts of the surface that you want to expose more than others.
5. choose a black/white photo and frame it with a chipboard frame (I used American Crafts), and sand down the chipboard to give it an aged look. Cut a heart shape from the old book pages, and paint it red, I used watered down Golden fluid acrylic paint. And when dry adhere to the canvas just underneath the picture and frame.
6. Adhere the picture frame to the canvas using glue dots or liquid adhesive.
7. Arrange your natural elements around the right side of the frame, and add stamped leaves and to add further dimension stamp the same leaf on white cardstock and cut it out, and glue above the stamped leaf.
8. Use pop-dots to the flowers, and the leaves, and adhere to canvas.
9. Cut a strip of fabric, or felt, some pom-pom ribbon, and adhere to the far left upper corner. This will balance out the project. Add a little strip of tiny pearls, and more natural elements
10. Cut out your alphas using Studio mini die cuts and the revolution, and adhere. You can use any alphas you already have.

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