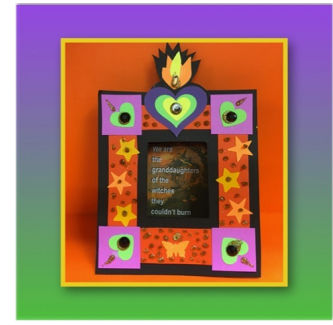


Day of the Dead Nichos

Supplies and Preparations

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SUPPLIES

Card Stock and/or papers:

If you plan to use the paper collage method:

One piece of colored card stock to print the Nicho Base on AND a variety of either colored card stock or heavier weight colored printing paper to print Nicho Design Elements on or to use for cutting out your own shapes, as desired. (Astrobright card stock and/or paper are recommended. Card stock works best, but as long as you use card stock for the base, you may use paper for the Nicho Design Elements.) *Note: If you want to use papers that can't go through the printer, (such as metallic or glitter papers) you can use the Nicho Design Elements page as a stencil/template by printing it on any card stock, cutting out the shapes, and using those shapes to trace on any other type of paper.* Astrobrights are recommended. (Available in 25 colors, 3 sheets each color for \$6.88 at Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/Neenah-80944-01-Astrobrights-Colored-Cardstock/dp/B01LX0UJBN/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=astrobrights+cardstock&qid=1634266975&sr=8-2)

OR

If you plan to use the coloring method:

Two pieces of WHITE card stock to print Nicho Base and Nicho Design Elements on (a vellum or rougher finish paper is best if using colored pencils or watercolors. A smoother/shiny finish paper works well with markers.) You will also need your selected coloring supplies.

Prismacolor pencils are recommended, especially with their colorless blender, which will be demo-ed in the workshop.

Other tools and supplies

- Pdf of templates
- Printer (print at home or at local office supply store)
- Glue (a good quality glue stick such as Uhu, and/or a hot glue gun—I use both. Thin, liquid glues are NOT recommended, but Aleene's Tacky glue or rubber cement both work great.)
- Sharp scissors (small and large, if available) and pencil

Optional: useful but not required

- Fine Point Sharpie marker or Flair pen, black (other colors if desired)
- Straight edge/ruler
- Bone folder or spoon for making sharp folds
- X-acto cutter, straight edge and mat for detailed cutting
- Small paper punches, such as hearts, stars, leaves, flowers, butterflies and/or round holes 1/8" - 5/8" diameter for easy cutting of decorative shapes.
- Rhinestones, sequins, stickers, etc. For sequins and non-adhesive rhinestones, you will need something to glue them on with (hot glue works, I often use glitter T-shirt paint: just apply a small bead of glitter paint and pop the rhinestone or sequin onto it.)
- Small charms or lightweight pieces of broken/discarded jewelry
- Small fabric or paper flowers to glue on. (Glue with hot glue or Aleene's Tacky glue.)
- Magnets to glue on the back of the nicho if you would like it to adhere to a metallic surface or a piece of ribbon to glue on the back of the nicho if you would like to hang it
- scrap paper to protect work surface when gluing (throw-away mail order catalogues are great for this!) and damp washcloth for wiping gluey fingers





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PREPARATIONS before workshop

Two methods will be shown in the workshop, you can choose one or both or combine them:

Paper collage method:

Shapes will be cut out of colored papers and glued to your nicho.

Select **Nicho 1 or Nicho 2**, (or both) print onto colored card stock. Print several copies on different colors as desired.

Print several copies of **Nicho Design Elements** on different colored card stock or heavier weight printer paper, as desired, Astrobrights paper or card stock recommended.

Optional: print out the page of **Nicho Design Elements Focus Images** if desired, or any other focus image of your own, such as departed loved ones (human or furry), departed celebrities, or an affirmation or saying, size can be approximate, 1.5" x 2" to 2" x 2.5" or so. (These color images usually print best at your local office supply store, you can order them online. 28 lb paper is recommended.)

Coloring method:

A white background will be colored in with your choice of colored pencils, watercolors, watercolor pencils or markers.

Select **Nicho 1 or Nicho 2**, print it on a piece of white card stock (note: a vellum or rough finish card stock is preferable if using watercolors or colored pencils, a smooth finish works well for markers.)

Optional: print a copy of **Nicho Design Elements** on white card stock, you can color in any of these designs, cut them out and glue them to your nicho.

Optional: print out the page of **Nicho Design Elements Focus Images**, or any other focus image of your own, such as photos of departed loved ones (human or furry), departed celebrities, or an affirmation or saying, size can be approximate, 1.5" x 2" to 2" x 2.5" or so. (These color images usually print best at your local office supply store, you can order online, 28 lb paper is recommended.)

1. After you have printed out your selected nicho base on card stock, if using colored card stock, you may cut out the two pieces of your nicho (frame and box.) If you are using white and plan to color it in, **do not** cut out yet - it's easier to color it before cutting.
2. A tray or a shallow box lid for collecting class supplies in, and/or a few small ziploc bags or small paper plates can be helpful during class for keeping supplies organized and corralled.
3. You're ready for the workshop! See you then

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