

# When Creativity Knocks

All-Star Designers Summer Series



## BEAUTY of Paradise vase & candle holder

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Bring the beauty of paradise to your home with this etched glass vase & candle holder featuring a variety of mixed-media techniques.

### **Materials:**

- etchall® ([www.etchall.com](http://www.etchall.com))
  - Etching Cream
  - etchmask®
- Makin's Clay®
  - Clay
    - red
    - green
    - yellow
  - Ultimate Clay Machine™
  - Ultimate Clay Extruder™
- JudiKins ([www.judikins.com](http://www.judikins.com))
  - Hibiscus rubber stamp
  - Black Staz-On™ ink pad
- Sizzix® ([www.sizzix.com](http://www.sizzix.com))
  - Big Shot™ Machine
  - Tim Holtz™ Alterations Alphabet
    - Flower die
    - Tropical leaf die
- Loew-Cornell® ([www.loew-cornell.com](http://www.loew-cornell.com))
  - Simply Art™ Brush Set
- Woodsies™ Crossword Tiles
- DecoArt® ([www.decoart.com](http://www.decoart.com))
  - Multi-Surface Satin Paint
    - Pumpkin Patch
    - Inch Worm
  - Americana® Pearlizing Medium
  - Americana® Crystal Gloss Enamels paint
    - yellow
    - red
  - Patio Paint® Home & Garden Stick-On Stencil
    - Funky Flowers
  - Metallic Lustre™
    - Lavish Green
    - Radiant Red
- Beacon® Adhesives ([www.smoothfoam.com](http://www.smoothfoam.com))
  - Tacky Glue
- Smoothfoam™ 6" disc
- Glass cylinder vase
- Wire
- Scissors

### **Instructions:**

1. Place etchmask face down (so letters are not backwards) on alphabet die and use Big Shot to cut alphabet from etchmask. I keep my extra letters for future projects, but if desired, place small pieces of etchmask over individual letters needed instead of cutting entire alphabet.
2. Apply letters to glass vase to spell out ALOHA.
3. Ink Judikins Hibiscus stamp with black Staz-On (solvent-based) ink. Stamp onto glass vase, repeating to achieve desired pattern. The solvent based ink will act as a resist and will leave you with a fabulous negative space image on an etched project.
4. Use foam brush from Loew-Cornell Simply Art Brush Set to apply an even coat of etchall cream over entire surface of vase. DO NOT allow to set 15 minutes as per instructions as ink will begin to dissolve after 10-12 minutes. Wait 10-12 minutes, then return cream to bottle. Remove lettering and wash vase to clean. Dry vase.



- Use small flat brush from brush set to apply red Crystal Gloss Enamels to outer edges of hibiscus. Use fine brush to add yellow to stamen. Let dry. (Follow manufacturer instructions to heat set glass paint.)



- To prepare the base for the vase/candle holder, follow manufacturer instructions and mix equal parts Pearlizing Medium with pumpkin Multi-Surface Satin paint. Use wide brush from brush set to apply to all surfaces of Smoothfoam disc. Let dry. The Pearlizing Medium gives a subtle lustre to the painted surface.
- Place DecoArt stencil over painted disc and stencil (or use fine brush and stencil as template as I did) with Inch Worm paint. Let dry.
- Use Beacon Tacky Glue to mount Loew-Cornell Woodsies Crossword Tiles to spell out PARADISE along edge of foam disc. Let dry.
- To make clay hibiscus flowers, use Ultimate Clay Machine to roll red and green Makin's Clay to a setting #8 (very thin - slightly thicker than a sheet of card stock). Let dry. (Makin's Clay will normally be fully dry in 24 hours in most atmospheric conditions - thin sheets like these will most likely be dry enough to die cut in just a few hours).
- Use tropical leaf die and Big Shot machine to cut multiple leaves from dry sheets of green Makin's Clay.



- Apply small amount of Lavish Green DecoArt Metallic Lustre to leaves.

12. Use flower die to cut 6 large flowers. From 3 of the flowers, cut out single petal and center with hole (see image). Place hole over hole in full flower and use Tacky Glue to mount so petal is centered between two other petals. Repeat for all flowers. Let dry.
13. Apply DecoArt Radiant Red Metallic Lustre to all flowers.
14. Fold petals upward and overlap to create flat "base" in center as shown in image. Wrap small piece of wire around bottom about 1/4" from flat center of flower to hold petals together. Gently open petals of flower and shape your hibiscus flowers.
15. To make flower stamens, place yellow Makin's Clay into Ultimate Clay Extruder with single round disc about 1/4" in diameter.
16. Extrude clay and cut into pieces about 1-1/2" long. Use fingers to gently create pointed end on one end. Use fingers to roll tiny balls of yellow clay, use Tacky Glue to mount balls to pointed end of stamen.
17. Place small amount of Tacky Glue into center of each flower, insert flat end of each yellow stamen piece. Let dry.
18. Arrange leaves and flowers as desired around outside edge of painted base (be sure you have left enough room in the center of the base to place your etched vase). Use Tacky Glue to mount flowers to base. Let dry.

Note: I did not mount the etched vase itself to the base so it could be removed for washing if used as a vase for flowers instead of as a candle holder.

