

## A Summer Tutorial

### “3D QuickWood Poppy Shard”

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As demonstrated at the 2022 Patch

**Supplies:** Select a clean square gourd shard.

1. Poppy design to transfer onto your gourd.
2. Two inches of QuickWood.
3. Transparent Acrylic, “Leaf”, “Black” and “Nutmeg”.
4. Q-tips for blending.
5. Micro Brushes for applying paint
6. Nail Cuticle stick for molding QW.
7. Heat Gun.
8. (Optional) Dollar Store Shadow box frame, inside painted black with bottom lined in black felt make a nice backdrop for your shard.



**First step:** Transfer your design onto the gourd shard.



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**Second step:** Label your petals, center stamin, and bud from 1 to 6. Layering from back to front, 1 being the first back petal to be made and 5 being the last petal and top layer. 6 being the Poppy Bud.



### Painting Your Shard



Transparent Acrylic paints for leaves.

Using Transparent Acrylics, paint your leaves with “Leaf”, and your stems with “Nutmeg.” (see sample below)

Note: You can use any paint you choose for this step, standard acrylics, Ink dyes, etc. Just remember if you use Transparent Acrylics they must be heat set to dry.



Tip: Use a little formula 49 or an acrylic medium and a micro tipped brush to clean up your edges.



Finished leaves and stems.

### Now QuikWood and Petals



~ Divide your 2-inch piece of QW into 4 equal parts. Use the first piece for petals #1 and #2, the second piece is for petal #3 and the #4 stamin, the third piece is for #5 top petal, and the fourth piece is for your bud, you have left over QW.

~ Cut the QW with an exacto blade. Only mix/knead 1/8 at a time keeping the other QW wrapped until ready for the next petal. Blend the two parts of QW thoroughly until it becomes one color (follow QW instructions on worktime)

~ When working with QW hands can become sticky, you may want to use gloves or wash hands before moving onto next petal to avoid buildup on hands.



In numeric order, start with petal #1 working your way to #5 making sure to layer your petals.

**TIPS**

- ~ Lift some of the ends of your petals off the shard to create a 3D effect. Secure your petals by pushing the QW down in the center. This also gives you a nice cup to put the #4 center stamin into.
- ~ Mold #5 petal giving it rounded cup look for a more 3D effect.
- ~ Use your tools to help shape the petals and to add lines and texture to them.
- ~ If gluing your shard into a shadow box, you may want to raise it up by placing a cut banana gourd piece behind the shard. (See photo)



## Painting Your Flower

- ~ Once your petals are dry, (see drying times on QW directions) you can begin to paint your petals.
- ~ We used none other than the color “Poppy” from the Transparent Acrylic set to paint our petals and “Black” for the center stamin.

### TIPS

- ~ You can highlight your poppy by using a bit of yellow on the higher peaks of your petals and darken the lower valleys of the petals by mixing a drop of nutmeg into your poppy color.
- ~ You can color you background or leave it natural, it’s up to you.
- ~ After heat setting your entire piece, us a UV varnish spray to seal it!



Hope you enjoyed this fun and easy project. Thank you for sharing, Olive.

### Tips on where to purchase some of these materials.

- ~ Transparent Acrylics can be found on the Welburn Website.
- ~ Quick Wood can be purchased many ways, we got ours from the Blue Whale Arts' website.
- ~ For an inexpensive shadow box, try your local dollar store or use a Michael's coupon and get one from them.