

# Let's Create a Watercolour Design Using Felt-Tips!



## We Need:

- A4 card (a recycled cereal box works as a good substitute)
- Coloured **washable/non-permanent** felt tip pens (avoid pastel colours)
- Black felt tip or pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Cup of water
- Small paintbrush
- Tissue or kitchen towel



Did you know that William Morris had a daughter called May Morris? She also created wallpaper designs! To the left is May's design for a wallpaper called 'Honeysuckle.' It was made in 1883, over 130 years ago.

She would plan her designs in watercolour and pencil as you can see here. Her designs are flowing and are based on flowers and foliage.

Let's make a watercolour design!

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## Let's Start:



1. Draw a simple flowing design using vines, leaves and flowers. Make all your shapes big and bold to fill up your piece of card.
2. Using your paintbrush, paint within the lines of your design with water. The card should be damp but not soaking wet.

3. With a felt tip pen, slowly colour in the **centre** of your drawing on the wet card. You should see the ink begin to spread.

**Top Tip:** If the felt-tip pen is too wet, the colour might stop flowing from the pen. If this happens, dab the pen nib (the top of the pen) with a tissue.



4. Next, using a wet paintbrush, spread the ink to the edge of your drawing. Be light with your paintbrush and only use the tip of it.

**Top Tip:** If the ink goes outside of the lines, dab away the liquid with a tissue.

5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 to colour in the rest of your drawing. Remember to clean your paintbrush with water when changing between colours.

6. When the drawing is completely dry, outline your design with a pen.

7. Well done! You have completed a May Morris inspired watercolour design! Don't forget to show your creations off! Tag us on Twitter using #WMSCreate or send us an email at: [learning@williammorrisociety.org](mailto:learning@williammorrisociety.org)