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# Materials

## DecoArt Products:

*Brights:* (choose 2) Americana Dragon Fruit, Purple Pizzazz, Red Alert

*Lights:* (choose 2) Americana Margarita, Whispering Turquoise, Soft Heather

*Glitters:* (choose 1) Aqua, Magenta, Lavender

*Mediums/Other Paints:* Gesso, Drying Time Extender, Pearlizing medium, Americana Lamp (Ebony) Black

*Other Products:* Medieval iron accent stencil, decoupage glue in matte

## Other Products:

- (3) 2.5x2.5 in. squares of patterned paper
- (1) 0.5x3 in. rectangle of patterned paper
- (2) 6x5 in. piece of tissue paper
- (1) printable sentence (see below)

## Tools:

6x5 in. wooden postcard

paintbrushes  
scissors  
baby wipes  
paper towels  
water container  
plastic palette  
fine-tip black marker (optional)  
heat tool (optional)



# Technique

1. Using decoupage glue, adhere tissuepaper to background, wrinkling up the paper to create texture.
2. Apply gesso on top of the tissuepaper and use the back of a paintbrush to draw (in wet gesso) three circles (about 3/4 in. diameter) going vertically in the bottom right and top left corner. Dry.
3. Apply your choice of *light* colored Americana paint to the background making sure the brush is wet. Dry.
4. Apply second choice of *light* acrylic paint inside the gesso circles. Blend. Dry.
5. Create a mixture using a 1:1 ratio of your choice of *bright* paint to pearlizing medium. Place the stencil on the right side of the long edge of the piece. Place about 3/4 of the stencil on wood-

- en postcard so about 1/4 of the stencil is off the postcard. Use a stiff brush to apply the mixture through the openings in the stencil.
6. Place a few drops of your second choice of *bright* paint on the palette, dip the brush in water, then into the paint, and flick paint droplets into the top right and bottom left corner areas by tapping on the handle of the paintbrush. Dry.
  7. Create a mixture using a 1:1 ratio of black paint and drying time extender. Using a wet brush, apply the mixture to the edges of the postcard. Apply a small amount of paint to the front edges and blend with a finger. Dry.
  8. Free-hand cut circles out of 2 patterned papers. To do this, fold the 2.5 in squares in half. Begin

- your cut on the folded side. Cut a half circle. Then, about 1/4 in. below the first cut, cut another half circle. The piece should look like a rainbow when folded. Unfold for a full circle. Repeat with the second square, making it slightly smaller than the first.
9. Free-hand cut 2 leaves and 1 small solid circle out of the left over pieces of patterned paper.
  10. Free-hand cut a stem out of the rectangle of patterned paper.
  11. Adhere patterned paper using decoupage glue in a pleasing manner.
  12. Cut out the printable words. Adhere in a pleasing manner. Dry completely.
  13. Outline the words, border and flower with a black pen, if desired.

# Printable

Print the following sentence at 100%.

**how does your garden grow?**

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