

Mural Project for the Infant Room at Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church

We became a group because we all are interested in, and have experience with art, so we looked for a community place that could be improved by art. One of our neighbors contacted us after hearing about our search for an artistic project and got us in contact with Mt. Soledad Presbyterian Church, where we eventually did the mural project in their nursery room.

To get started, we watched mural videos on Youtube and consulted with a professional muralist. Now of course, before we could paint a mural we needed to know what to paint, so we each drew a different idea for the mural and sent them to the church to choose. The church ended up choosing a drawing of Noah's ark, with an under-the-sea scene below it. Naturally, we didn't do it all in one visit. Instead, we came back multiple days to work on it. In total, we spent six days at the church painting.

On the first day, we:

- Got the materials and paint
- Prepared the wall (putting down plastic, tape, etc.)
- did a rough sketch
- erased said rough sketch
- painted in the background

On the second day, we:

- sketched out in more detail the many different parts of the mural
- started painting the base colors

On the third day, we:

- finished painting the base colors
- sketched the details over the base colors
- mostly finished the sea floor

On the fourth day, we:

- painted eyes on all the sea animals
- added small details (ex: spots on the coral)
- finished all base coats for the animals on boat
- finished a couple of the animals on the boat
- painted in a school of fish in the background

On the fifth day, we:

- painted the clouds and rainbow
- did all the details on the ark
- finished outlining the animals on the ark
- painted the dove
- finished all the painting

On the sixth day, we painted a clear coat over the entire mural

With the mural done, the nursery room became a lively environment full of color for the children and mothers to enjoy for years to come.

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