



WARNING: This Kit Contains Glass Objects With Sharp Edges That Must Be Handled Correctly.

*Instruction Manual*  
*for*

**ARTISINU®**

*Art Kits*

*Ischia Sunset - A500,*  
*Ischia Twilight - A501*

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PATENT PENDING

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## **BEFORE STARTING**

**PLEASE READ THIS MANUAL COMPLETELY - WORKING TECHNIQUES AND DRYING TIMES ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. ALSO WATCH THE INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS ON [WWW.ARTISINU.COM/SUPPORT](http://WWW.ARTISINU.COM/SUPPORT) TO LEARN THE TECHNIQUES NECESSARY FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING YOUR ARTISINU ART WORK.**

Check to Ensure This Kit Includes:

<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Part</u>
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Art Canvas
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paint Tube (P3) Brown
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paint Tube (P6) Red
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paint Tube (P7) Green
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paint Tube (P8) Orange (A500 Only)
		or
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paint Tube (P9) Turquoise (A501 Only)
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paint Tube (P11) Bright Blue
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixing Stick
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Texture Trowel (T1)
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paint Brush
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dry Texture Packet (S2)
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Netting
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Piece Glass Application

Also needed: (NOT included in the kit)

Drop Cloth	1 gallon or larger Mixing Bucket
Measuring Cup	Paper Towels Or Rags
Small paint can	

## **GETTING STARTED**

1. REMOVE ALL CONTENTS FROM THE SHIPPING BOX.
2. CHECK CONTENTS AGAINST THE CHECK LIST.
3. GATHER ALL NEEDED TOOLS, THEN, PREPARE A FLAT STURDY WORK AREA. COVER THE SURFACE WITH A DROP CLOTH. PLACE CANVAS ON SURFACE AND ASSURE THERE IS ROOM TO REACH EACH SIDE OF THE CANVAS. **READ AND UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANT TIPS AND VIEW THE INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS ON THE WEB AT [WWW.ARTISINU.COM/SUPPORT](http://WWW.ARTISINU.COM/SUPPORT).**

## **PREPARING TEXTURE**

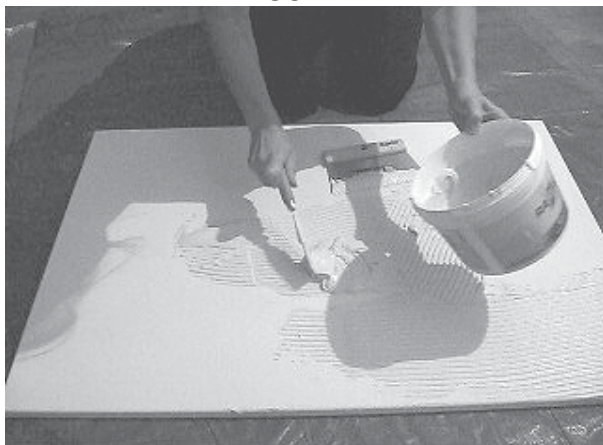
4. MEASURE 1 1/2 CUPS OF COOL WATER INTO A 1 TO 2 GALLON MIXING BUCKET.
5. POUR 1/3 CONTENTS OF TEXTURE PACKET (S2) INTO THE MIXING BUCKET.
6. STIR TEXTURE MIXTURE UNTIL CONSISTENT AND SMOOTH.
7. POUR AN ADDITIONAL 1/3 CONTENTS OF TEXTURE PACKET INTO MIXING BUCKET AND STIR UNTIL SMOOTH.
8. POUR REMAINING CONTENTS OF TEXTURE PACKET INTO MIXING BUCKET AND STIR UNTIL CONSISTENT AND SMOOTH.
9. APPLY ENTIRE MIXED TEXTURE FROM THE MIXING BUCKET ONTO THE CANVAS.

**CAUTION: YOU HAVE 30 MINUTES TO WORK IN YOUR TEXTURE PATTERN BEFORE THE TEXTURE STARTS TO HARDEN.**

10. USE PROVIDED TROWEL TO EVENLY SPREAD ENTIRE CONTENTS OF THE TEXTURE ONTO THE CANVAS. **FIGURE 1.**

**IMPORTANT TIP: TEXTURE WILL BUILD UP IN THE CENTER WHERE THE CANVAS WILL SAG. WORK TO GET AN EVEN THICKNESS COATING OVER THE WHOLE CANVAS ESPECIALLY AT THE EDGES.**

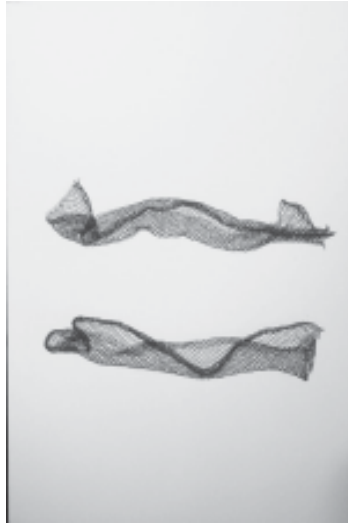
**FIGURE 1**



11. AFTER EVEN COATING OVER ENTIRE CANVAS IS ACHIEVED USE YOUR FINGERS AND THE PALM OF YOUR HAND TO MAKE PATTERNS IN THE TEXTURE. VISIT [WWW.ARTISINU.COM](http://WWW.ARTISINU.COM) TO GET TEXTURE PATTERN IDEAS.

12. MAKE A SMOOTH STRIPE 4 - 5 INCHES WIDE IN THE TEXTURE ACROSS THE APPROXIMATE CENTER OF THE CANVAS ALONG THE SHORT CANVAS WIDTH.

13. CENTER ONE NETTING TOP TO BOTTOM ACROSS THE SHORT WIDTH OF THE CANVAS. CENTER THE 2ND NETTING TOP TO BOTTOM ACROSS THE SHORT WIDTH OF THE CANVAS APPROXIMATELY 4-6 INCHES BELOW THE 1ST NETTING PIECE. USE A PATTING TYPE MOTION TO MAKE SURE ALL THE EDGES AND CORNERS OF THE NETTING ARE IMBEDDED IN THE TEXTURE. **FIGURE 2.**



**FIGURE 2**

**IMPORTANT TIP: OVERLAPPING SLIGHTLY, MAKING HOLES, IMBEDDING MORE OR LESS IN DIFFERENT AREAS AND LEAVING WRINKLES WILL MAKE THE NETTING ATTRIBUTE MORE INTERESTING. VISIT [WWW.ARTISINU.COM](http://WWW.ARTISINU.COM) FOR IDEAS.**

14. RUN THE TROWEL (T1) VERTICALLY ALONG EACH EDGE OF THE CANVAS TO REMOVE EXCESS TEXTURE HANGING OVER THE EDGES.

## **STOP**

15. CLEAN ALL TOOLS WITH WATER - ALLOW TEXTURE TO DRY A MINIMUM 6 HRS AT 70 DEGREES (F) BEFORE PAINT IS APPLIED. ALLOW MORE DRYING TIME IF TEMPERATURES ARE COLDER OR THERE IS HIGH HUMIDITY.

## **BACKGROUND PAINTING**

**IMPORTANT TIP: PRESS GENTLY ON THE TEXTURE, IF IT IS NOT SOLID, ROOM TEMPERATURE, AND PURE WHITE, ALLOW MORE DRYING TIME AS THE PAINTING PROCESS COULD CAUSE THE PAINT TO CRACK.**

**CAUTION: WHEN HANDLING THE CANVAS AFTER TEXTURE IS APPLIED HANDLE ONLY THE WOOD FRAME. BE CAREFUL NOT TO PUSH ON THE CANVAS FROM THE FRONT OR BACK BECAUSE THE TEXTURE COULD CRACK.**

**IMPORTANT TIP: USE DRY PAINT BRUSH OR TOWEL TO BRUSH AROUND THE EDGES OF THE CANVAS TO REMOVE ANY THIN LOOSE TEXTURE BEFORE PAINTING.**

16. SQUEEZE 1 TUBE OF THE BROWN PAINT (P3) OUT OF SHIPPING TUBE INTO A CUP, CAN, OR BOWL WITH LARGE ENOUGH OPENING TO FIT THE PAINT BRUSH WIDTH.

17. ADD 2 TABLESPOONS OF WATER THEN STIR THE PAINT UNTIL FULLY MIXED AND CONSISTENT.

18. USE THE PAINT BRUSH TO APPLY PAINT ON ENTIRE SURFACE INCLUDING EDGES, NETTING AND AROUND THE BACK. REPEAT STEPS 16 TO 18 IF NECESSARY.

**IMPORTANT TIP: YOU CAN RAISE THE CANVAS ON A WIDE BUCKET OR BOX TO KEEP IT OFF THE DROP CLOTH SO YOU CAN PAINT THE EDGES AND AROUND THE BACK.**

## **STOP**

19. CLEAN ALL TOOLS WITH WATER - ALLOW BACKGROUND PAINT TO DRY A MINIMUM 1 HR AT 70 DEGREES (F) BEFORE NEXT PAINT IS APPLIED. ALLOW MORE DRYING TIME IF TEMPERATURE IS COLDER OR THERE IS HIGH HUMIDITY.

## **FINAL PAINTING**

20. SQUEEZE APPROX. 1/2 OF THE GREEN PAINT (P7) OUT OF SHIPPING TUBE INTO A CUP, CAN, OR BOWL WITH LARGE ENOUGH OPENING TO FIT THE WIDTH PAINT BRUSH.

21. STIR THE PAINT UNTIL FULLY MIXED AND CONSISTANT.

22. LIGHTLY PAINT ALL AREAS OF RAISED TEXTURE YOU WANT TO HIGHLIGHT IN GREEN.

23. PAINT A HEAVY COAT BETWEEN THE NETTING PIECES. APPLY THE GLASS PACKAGE, BACKING SIDE UP, CENTERED INTO THE GREEN STRIPE. APPLY LIGHT PRESSURE TO EMBED EACH GLASS INTO THE PAINT. **DO NOT REMOVE BACKING FROM GLASS AT THIS TIME.**

**WARNING: DO NOT TOUCH THE EDGES OF THE GLASS, TOUCH ONLY THE BACKING. THE GLASS IS SHARP!**

24. CLEAN THE BRUSH WITH WATER AND SQUEEZE DRY AS POSSIBLE.

25. SQUEEZE APPROX. 1/2 OF THE **ORANGE PAINT (P8), KIT A500 ONLY, OR TURQUOISE PAINT (P9) KIT A501 ONLY**, OUT OF SHIPPING TUBE INTO A CUP, CAN, OR BOWL WITH LARGE ENOUGH OPENING TO FIT THE WIDTH PAINT BRUSH.

26. STIR THE PAINT UNTIL FULLY MIXED AND CONSISTANT.

27. USE THE PAINT BRUSH TO **“DRY BRUSH”** ENTIRE CANVAS INCLUDING EDGES WITH A VERY LIGHT, UNEVEN, COAT OF FINAL PAINT. **DO NOT PAINT OVER THE GREEN STRIPE OR THE NETTING.** PAINT SOME AREAS DARKER AND SOME LIGHTER BY VARYING NUMBER OF BRUSH STROKES OVER THE SAME SPOT, MISSING SOME AREAS COMPLETELY, OR APPLYING VARYING PRESSURE ON THE BRUSH.

**“DRY BRUSH” - MEANS VIRTUALLY ALL PAINT IS WIPED OFF THE BRUSH AFTER DIPPING. INTO THE PAINT CAN THEN WIPING THE BRUSH ON A PAPER TOWEL OR RAG. PAINTING REQUIRES NO PRESSURE BETWEEN THE BRUSH AND THE CANVAS. SIMPLY DRAG THE BRUSH, DON'T PRESS DOWN, THE WEIGHT OF THE BRUSH IS ENOUGH TO TRANSFER THE PAINT.**

**IMPORTANT TIP: "DRY BRUSHING" ALLOWS THE BACKGROUND COLOR TO SHOW THROUGH THE BRUSH STROKES. PLEASE WATCH THE INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO FOR PAINTING TECHNIQUES IN THE SUPPORT PAGES AT [WWW.ARTISINU.COM](http://WWW.ARTISINU.COM)**

**IMPORTANT TIP: WIPING THE SURFACE LIGHTLY WITH A DAMP RAG WILL LIGHTEN THE TOP COAT IF MORE BACKGROUND COLOR IS DESIRED OR TOO HEAVY A FINAL COAT IS APPLIED.**

28. CLEAN THE BRUSH WITH WATER AND SQUEEZE DRY AS POSSIBLE.

29. SQUEEZE APPROX. 1/2 OF THE BRIGHT BLUE PAINT (P12) OUT OF SHIPPING TUBE INTO A CUP, CAN, OR BOWL WITH LARGE ENOUGH OPENING TO FIT THE PAINT BRUSH WIDTH.

30. STIR THE PAINT UNTIL FULLY MIXED AND CONSISTANT.

31. PAINT OVER THE APPLIED NETTING. REPEAT STEP 29 AND 30 IF NECESSARY TO COVER ENTIRE AREA.

**STOP**

32. TIME TO CLEAN ALL TOOLS WITH WATER AND ALLOW THE CANVAS TO DRY OVER NIGHT BEFORE HANGING.

33. REMOVE THE BACKING FROM THE GLASS PACKAGES ONLY AFTER PAINT HAS DRIED 24 HRS.

**WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR UNIQUE WORK OF ART AND WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE.**

**REMEMBER.....YOU WILL BE YOUR OWN WORST CRITIC!**

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