



# Hydrangea Haven

“Earth laughs in flowers.”  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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We used wire decorators to create fun and easy designs on this awesome platter. This sweet springy scene is great for advanced artists and beginners alike!

## MATERIALS

177 Metropolitan Coupe Platter  
CN112-8 Bright Delft  
CN121-8 Light Nautical  
CN182-8 Bright Kiwi  
CN202-8 Bright Grey  
CN244-8 Really White  
CN263-8 Dark Grape  
CN342-8 Bright Pink  
CN505-8 Neon Green

## TOOLS

9599 Hydra Art Sponge  
9630 Detail Writer Bottle  
9636 Medium Writer Tip  
KDS13 Decorator Set 1  
R2850-4 Royal Aqualon Fan Brush No. 4  
RAQUA144 Assorted Royal Aqualon Brushes

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Lightly wipe ware with a damp sponge to prepare surface for painting.
2. Layer CN244 and CN112 and CN121 on your palette. Dip a fan brush into the paint mixture, making sure to keep the colors separate. Add a little water to the mixture to help keep the paint flowing smoothly. Spread in long horizontal strokes across the platter to create a sky. Remember to frequently refresh the paints to keep the colors distinct.
3. Apply a quick coat of CN505 with a fan brush along the bottom of your platter. Create details in the grass with a quick light stroke of CN182.
4. Using your square spiral wire tool, create butterflies with CN342, CN263 and CN262. Add lines and dots in alternating colors. Then, create the small butterflies with the diamond tool.
5. Dip the spiral tool into CN342. Start creating the shape of your hydrangea, dipping the tool into the paint between each application. Let CN342 dry for about ten minutes and start your second layer with CN262. Once that layer has dried, add a final layer of CN244 with your spiral tool to blend the colors. Use a Detail Writer filled with CN202 to fill in the shape of the flowers.
6. Add stems to your flowers using CN505 with CN182 accents. Alternate the leaf wire tool on either side of the stem.
7. Let dry. Dip in Pure Brilliance Clear Glaze and fire to Cone 06.