

AVERAGE DURATION

CHALLENGE LEVEL

2 hours



Paint traditional Cherry blossoms to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

THE YEAR OF THE RAT BLOSSOMS



MATERIALS

- Lg. Square Sushi Plate TC8801
- Sponge • Template • Pen
- Tracing paper • Masking Tape
- Scissors • Large Round Brush
- Detail Brush • Liner Brush
- Paints: 31, 70, 44
- Light Pink French Dimensions FD274

TIPS

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Wipe down the bisque with a damp sponge to remove ceramic dust after tracing the design.

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Practice painting branches on paper first. Use a Liner brush.

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Water down black and grey paint for color to flow off the brush easy.

THEME Chinese New Year

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Trace the tree branches in the upper left section of the plate. Trace the rat on land in the lower left section of the plate.
2. Water down some Grey # 44 on the paint palette. Use a large round brush to make a downward "U" stroke starting from the nose of the rat and following the shape of the body. This soft grey brush stroke should be wider than the outline of the rat.
3. Use the same brush to paint the ground with watered down greys. Make some horizontal marks following the guide lines. First paint with lighter grey # 44, and then add darker grey # 70 to show some light and shadow variations on the ground.
4. Use the tip of the same large round brush filled with diluted dark grey to add a soft shadow to the lower body of the rat with a short "U" stroke. Then add a thin "S" stroke to fill in the tail.
5. Use black # 31 and a detail brush to paint the eyes and the nose of the rat. Then follow the traced outlines of the rat using a liner brush loaded with slightly watered down black # 31. Make sure to add a black line "S" stroke to the left side of the tail.
6. Load a liner brush with black # 31 and paint the branches of the Cherry tree. Start thick and end each branch as thin as possible at the tip. Lay the loaded brush down on the bisque, press down and slowly pull the brush following the guide line. Twist the brush handle while gently changing direction if the branches. Lift the brush with a little twist at the tip of each branch. Practice on paper to get comfortable with this process.
7. Paint the Cherry blossoms using light pink French Dimensions. Squeeze five small dots to form each flower. Use a clean detail brush to smudge these dots into flower petals.

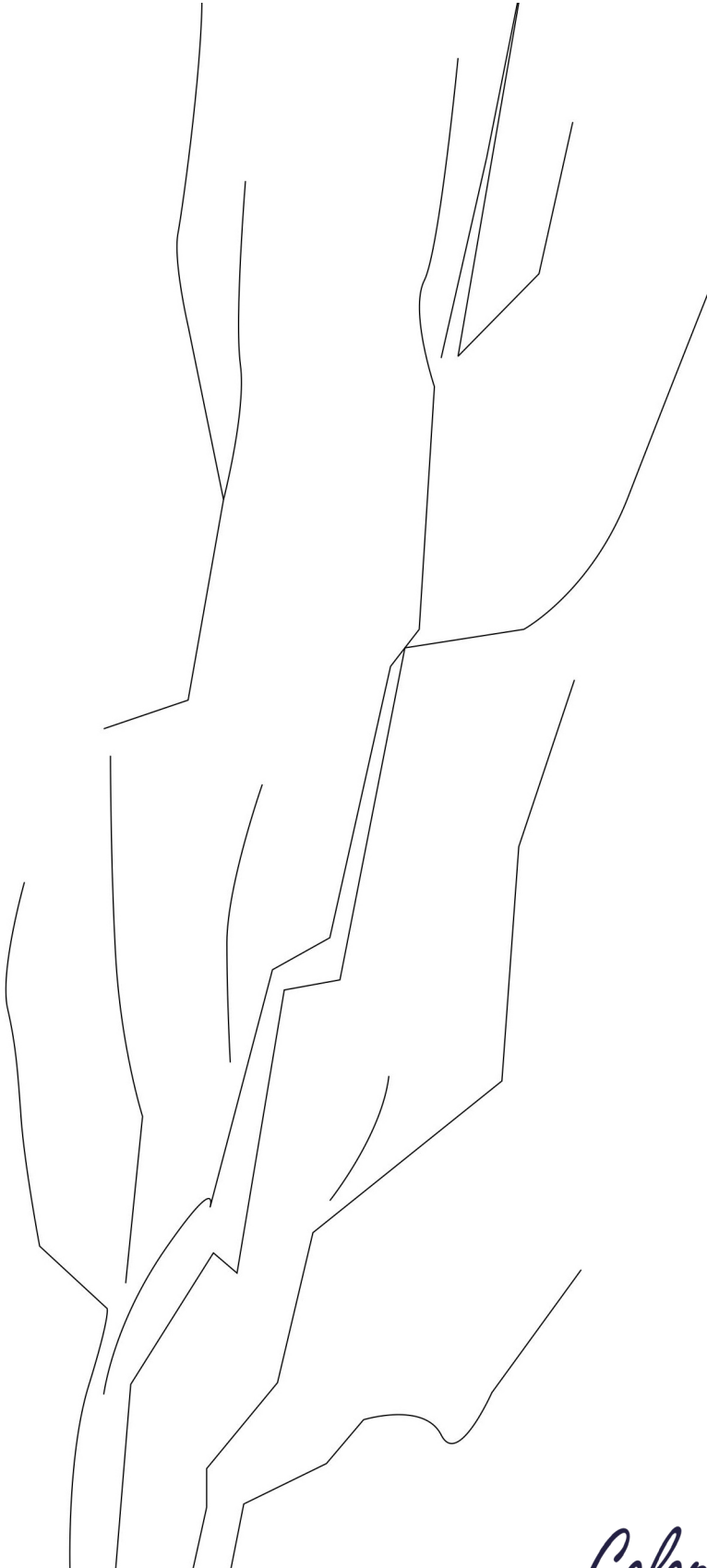
This technique can work on any other piece of bisque. Here is an example:



Geometrix Divided Dish DB24809

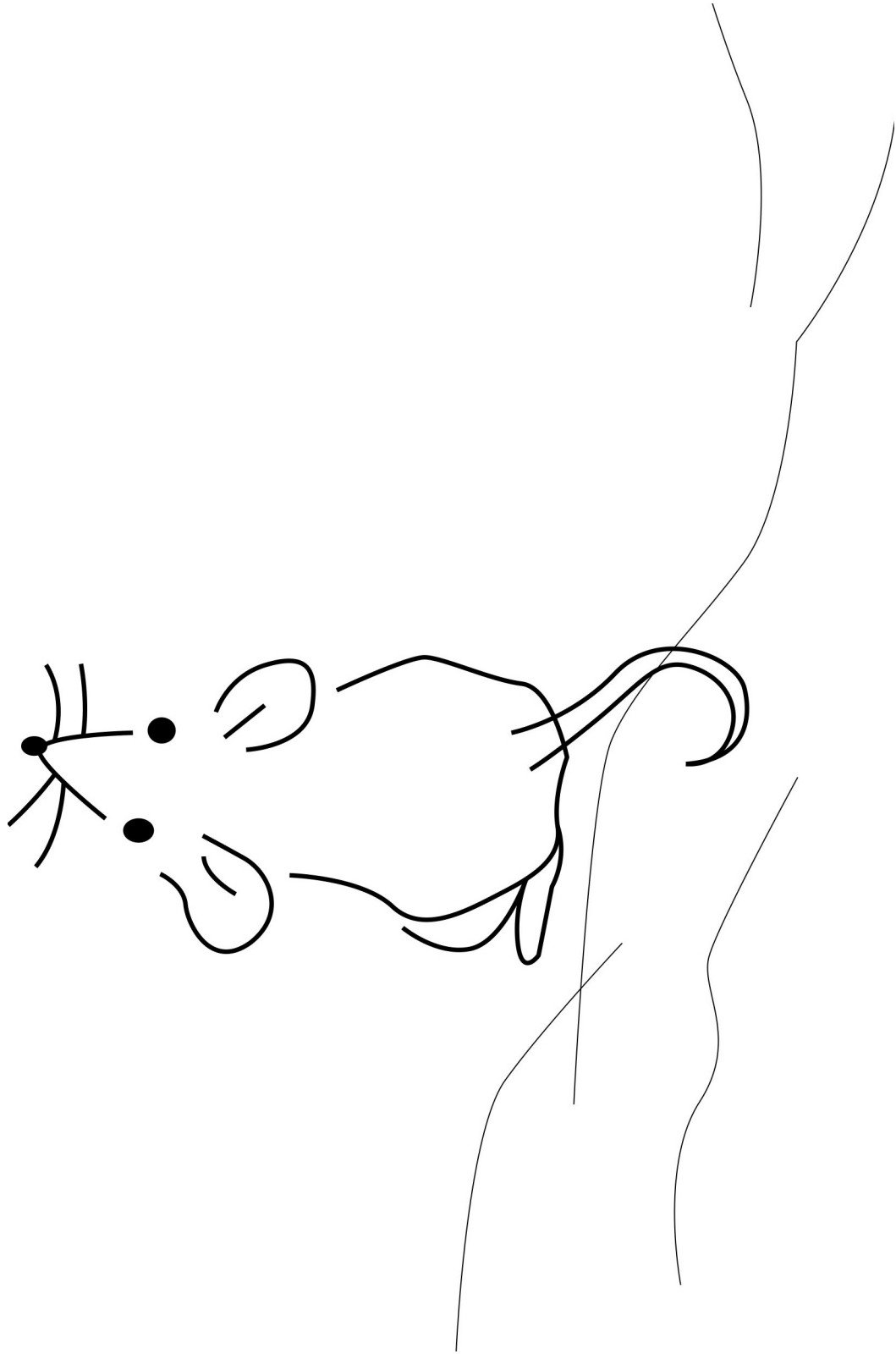
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TEMPLATE 1 - BRANCHES



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TEMPLATE 2 - THE RAT



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