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# THE BASICS OF STARTING A MURAL

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## MATERIAL LIST:

- ✓ A Wall
- ✓ Painters Tape
- ✓ Digital Projector
- ✓ Drawing Paper
- ✓ Photoshop
- ✓ Background Paint (optional), House Paint
- ✓ Foreground Paint, House Paint/Acrylic
- ✓ Assortment of Brushes
- ✓ Rags and Water Bucket for Cleanup
- ✓ Drop Cloth

## 1. CHOOSE YOUR WALL

First, you need a wall. Indoor, or outdoor, whatever you have at your disposal. If you're a beginner, I suggest something simple inside the home, a bathroom, garage wall, bedroom, hallway, etc. Once you have picked a wall, measure the section of the wall that you want to paint on and tape it off with painters tape.

## 2. MAKE A TEMPLATE, DESIGN THE ARTWORK

Draw the area on the wall where the image will be painted based off of the dimensions on a separate piece of paper, or on the computer, this will be your template. Then, create your design on this template.

## 3. PAINT THE BACKGROUND COLOR (OPTIONAL)

Choose a color for the background and paint it on the wall first. Make sure you have enough leftover for touch ups! If you want to use a dark color, paint this on after you have finished your foreground image. You can remove the painters tape for this process so the entire wall is painted one solid color, but keep in mind where you want your mural to go.

## 4. TRACE THE IMAGE

Scan your image, or take a photograph, and upload it into Photoshop. Crop the image down to just the template and save it as a JPG. Using a digital projector at night or with the lights off, place the JPG, matching up the template with the wall, and trace the outline and details using a soft (4b-6b) pencil or chalk. Sometimes I also use watered down acrylic paint for this outline.

## 5. PREPARE FOR PAINTING

Have all of your cleaning supplies handy, filling your water bucket and making sure you have enough rags in case you have a spill. Place your drop cloth under your work area. Now, you are ready to paint!

