

Step-by-Step Tutorial: Create a Gesso-Inspired Panel

Create an Art Nouveau panel like Margaret's

🌸 Materials:

- A sheet of **thick paper or card**
 - A pencil
 - A black pen
 - Glitter glue, cotton wool, or string for raised texture
 - Watercolour paints or coloured pencils
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🖍️ Step 1: Draw a Dreamy Face

Start by sketching an **oval face** with **closed eyes** and a **calm expression** in the centre of your page.



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🌿 Step 2: Add Long, Flowing Hair

Draw long, wavy lines from the head down to the bottom of the page. Let them **twirl and curl** like ribbons.

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🌸 Step 3: Decorate with Nature

Add **flowers, leaves, and stars** in the hair and background. You can use shapes like **teardrops, circles, and ovals**.



Maybe like this? Your illustration choices will be different, but we do recommend some Mackintosh roses somewhere.

💡 Step 4: Add Texture

Use **glitter glue, cotton wool, or string** to go over some of the lines or shapes to make them **raised**, like Margaret's gesso panels.

🎨 Step 5: Add Colour

Use **soft, dreamy colours** like lilac, pale blue, peach, or gold. Colour gently to keep the design light and floaty.