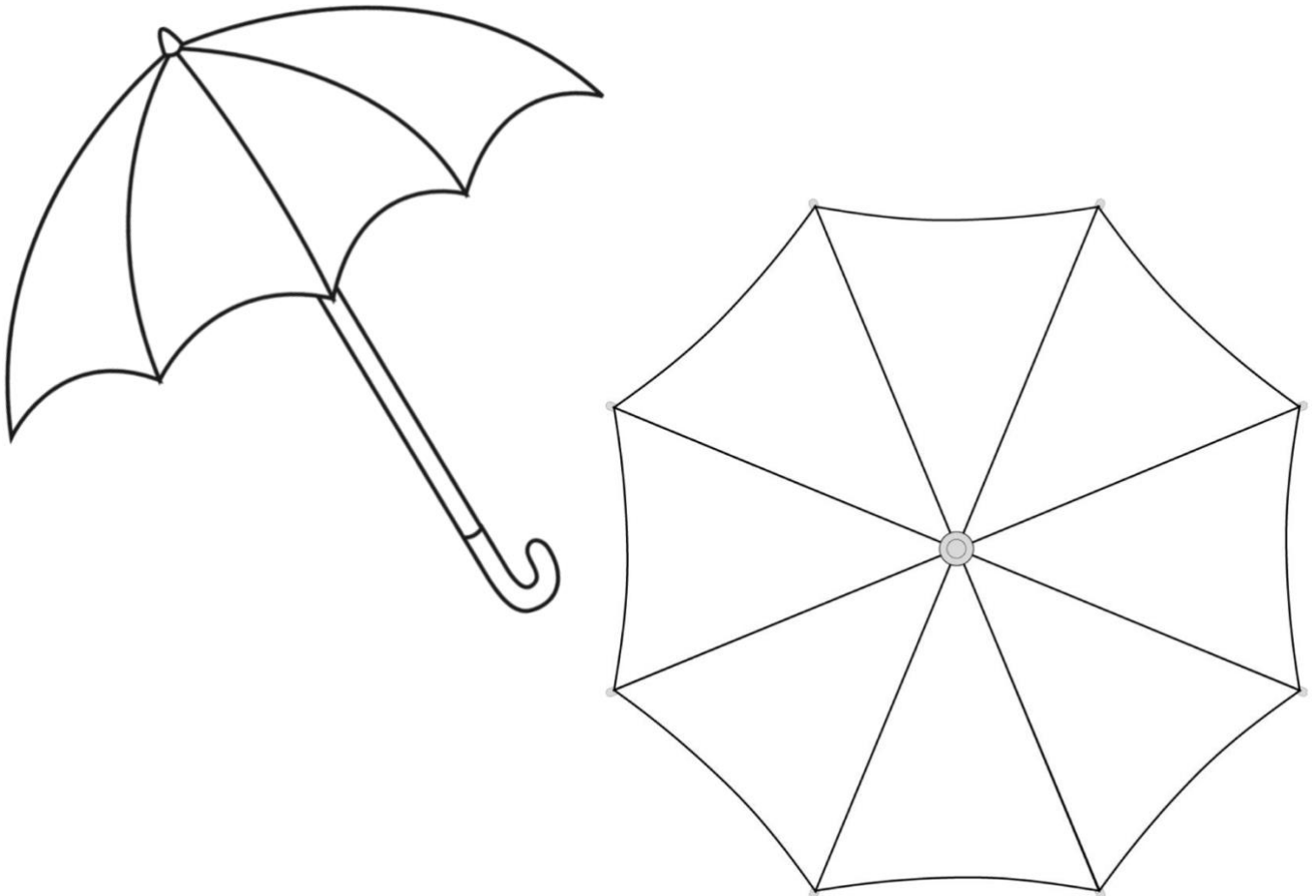


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## DESIGNING YOUR UMBRELLA

You can be inspired by many things, your favourite colour, music, shapes, feelings, things - the sky is the limit! To get started think about the shape of an umbrella, there are 8 panels all the same size - you can decorate them in the same way or all can be totally different. Here is a template that you can use to gather your thoughts and plan your design:



You can also get some inspiration from the **winners** of our 2019 Brilliant Brolly competition or check Instagram #brilliantbrolly and share your umbrella here too.

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/brilliantbrolly/>



## CHOOSE YOUR UMBRELLA

You can use a plain umbrella you have at home OR you can buy a white umbrella from Duldig Studio – either at the Duldig Studio (92 Burke Rd, Malvern East Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00-4:00PM) or ONLINE but allow time for postage and delivery or

## MATERIALS TO USE

I dug through my cupboards and also purchased a range of paints and markers from a craft store and tested these on the white PONGEE umbrella material. Some worked better than others and some required ironing to set them. Careful reading of the manufacturers directions is important.

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**Below are the results of my experiments ....**

You can cut open your umbrella cover and use that to test your own paints and markers and experiment with the effects you can achieve before starting to decorate your lovely white umbrella.



## TIPS

**ADD A FEW DROPS OF DISHWASHING LIQUID** - If you are having trouble with paint/markers spreading on the umbrella material try adding a drop of dishwashing liquid to the water.

**IRON OUT THE WRINKLES** - Gently iron your umbrella before painting to stop paint from accumulating in the creases.





**IRON CAREFULLY** - When ironing the umbrella to heat set the paints, use a medium heat iron and place a tea towel between the iron the umbrella, moving it constantly to avoid melting the fabric.



**Share your creations and follow us on Instagram #brilliantbrolly**



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Product	Results	Pros & Cons
<p><b>Derwent Inktense Paint, Pencils, colour sticks</b></p> 		<p><b>PROS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comes in a wide range of colours</li> <li>• Can get lovely transparent effects</li> <li>• Previous layer does not move when applying second layer</li> <li>• Can mix your own colours</li> </ul> <p><b>CONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I needed to use a tiny bit of detergent to get it to wet the surface</li> <li>• Cost - had to buy specially from an Art store</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dye-na-Flow by Jacquard</b></p>		<p><b>PROS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy to use</li> <li>• Water Soluble</li> <li>• Comes in a wide range of colours</li> <li>• can get lovely transparent effects</li> </ul> <p><b>CONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs to be heat set/ needed to use a tiny bit of detergent to get it to wet the surface</li> <li>• Cost - had to buy specially from an Art store</li> </ul>
<p><b>POSCA Pen Mitsubishi Pencil Co</b></p>		<p><b>PROS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy to use</li> <li>• Opaque so can write over other colours</li> <li>• Comes in a wide range of colours</li> <li>• Fine point for writing</li> <li>• Do not need to be heat set</li> <li>• Water soluble</li> </ul> <p><b>CONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost - had to buy from a specially Art store</li> </ul>




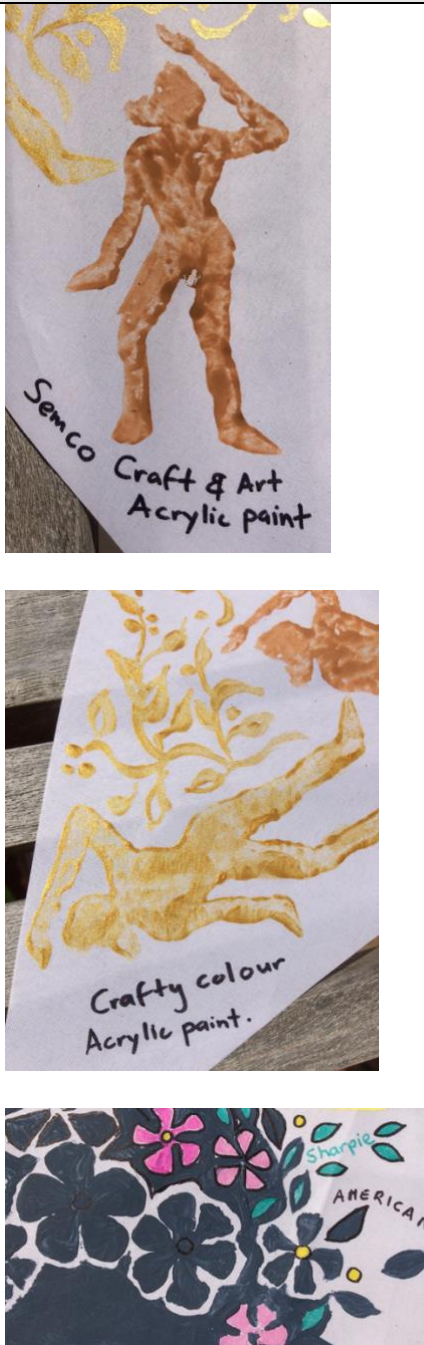
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<p><b>Sharpie Permanent Markers - Fine Point</b></p> 		<p><b>PROS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy to use</li> <li>• Readily available at office supply, newsagents and craft stores</li> <li>• Come in a wide range of colours</li> <li>• Fine point for writing</li> <li>• Do not need to be heat set</li> </ul> <p><b>CONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not water soluble - <b>PERMANENT</b> if they get on cloths, furniture etc.</li> <li>• Solvent fumes when using</li> </ul>
<p><b>TULIP Soft Brush On Fabric Paint</b></p> 		<p><b>PROS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water soluble for easy clean up</li> <li>• Nice bright colours</li> <li>• Glossy rich finish</li> <li>• Good coverage, only need one to two coats</li> <li>• Does not need to be heat set</li> <li>• Easy to apply with a brush, sponge or stamp</li> </ul> <p><b>CONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost - Had to buy specially from a craft store - a set of 10 cost about \$50</li> </ul>

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<p><b>TULIP Fabric Crayons</b></p> 	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PROS</b></li> <li>• Nice bright colours</li> <li>• Good coverage</li> <li>• Could blend together to make other colours</li> <li>• A variety of effects achievable</li> <li>• Apply lightly and use water to blend for a transparent water colour effect</li> <li>• <b>CONS</b></li> <li>• Cost - Had to buy specially from a craft store</li> <li>• Have to be heat set with an iron - BE CAREFUL not to melt fabric, put between old tea towels</li> <li>• Got messy fingers from blending</li> </ul>

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Product	Results	Pros & Cons
<p><b>Various Acrylic Paints from my cupboard</b></p> 	 <p>The 'Results' column contains three images showing the application of acrylic paint. The top image shows a brown, textured figure of a person with arms raised, painted on a white surface. Below it is a yellow, textured figure of a person in a similar pose. The bottom image shows a floral design with dark blue leaves and pink flowers, with the word 'AMERICAN' partially visible. Handwritten text in the images includes 'Semco Craft &amp; Art Acrylic paint', 'Crafty colour Acrylic paint.', 'Sharpie', and 'AMERICAN'.</p>	<p><b>PROS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I already had them - no extra cost</li> <li>• Water soluble for easy clean up</li> <li>• Available in a wide range of colours</li> <li>• Do not need to be heat set</li> <li>• Easy to apply with a brush, sponge or stamp</li> </ul> <p><b>CONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coverage not great - probably need a few coats of paint</li> <li>• Finish was a bit dull/matt</li> </ul>



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<p>Left over paint from a previous project</p> 		<p><b>PROS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I already had them - no extra cost</li> <li>• Water soluble for easy clean up - Available in a wide range of colours</li> <li>• Easy to apply with a brush, sponge or stamp</li> </ul> <p><b>CONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor coverage - probably need a few coats of paint</li> <li>• Finish was a bit dull/matt</li> <li>• Needs to be heat set with an iron - take care not to melt fabric</li> </ul>
<p>TULIP Rainbow Fabric Markers</p> 		<p><b>Not as good as other markers on this material</b></p> <p><b>PROS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water soluble for easy clean up</li> <li>• Fine Point</li> <li>• Available in a wide range of colours</li> <li>• Easy to use</li> <li>• No need to heat set</li> </ul> <p><b>CONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost - Had to buy specially from a craft store</li> <li>• Poor coverage - didn't work well on the umbrella fabric - OK for outlining</li> <li>• Finish was dull</li> </ul>