Step by Step - Halloween

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In keeping with the season, Canadian artist, Mary MacVoy shows us how to paint a Halloween scene design.

Mary is a freelance Artist who has been facepainting professionally since 2003. She sees face and body painting as kind of a "spa treatment" for her clients. "It's all about having a positive, relaxing experience!" is her motto.

When she´s not painting, she pursues freelance illustration for such publications as "Dogs In Canada" magazine and children's books like "Bear's Big Day". Mary lives in Ontario, Canada with her husband and two cats. (The cats have gotten away with not being painted yet, but the same cannot be said for her better half! He models for her upon occasion, much to her delight.). You can contact Mary at mmacvoy@yahoo.ca.

Step One:

Sponge purple, orange and rust coloured facepainting makeup on the cheekbones and forehead.

Tap lightly with your sponge to blend the moist make-up.

Step Two:

With a medium round brush, paint on a cluster of pumpkin shapes with orange, and a moon with a medium yellow.

Using a fan brush, flick on some "dried grass" with rust coloured makeup.

At the outer edge of the face, tap on some rust colour and blend it into the purple. Step Three:

Add some vines and leaves with dark green using a small round brush.

Add some metallic gold with the fan brush over the "grass".

Step Four:

Add rust colour make-up to the lips and blend in some black at the corners.

Add your details like the scary fence, flying bats and black cat with the black, using a small round brush.

Outlining your shapes and design elements makes your facepainting "pop".
For a fabulous finishing touch, you can add a gold shimmer powder to the lips and areas like the moon and grass...don't forget the gold glitter!

Mary's Tip:
Your "pinkie" finger is your friend! When you're painting, carefully brace your brush hand with the pinky. It will balance your hand and help you to maintain a controlled brush-stroke!"