**Instructions for Creating *A Sanctified Art* Easter Banners** *by Hannah Garrity*

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*This pair of banner designs offer a powerful image of the the empty tomb and symbolize how Jesus' resurrection transforms the brokenness of the world. Use these designs to create unique worship art to share the beauty and mystery of the resurrection. There are several ways you can bring these hand-drawn designs to life in your congregation. Choose the option below to best fit your needs and context.*

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# ARTIST STATEMENT

*"The inside of the tomb represents the struggle, pain, sin, and brokenness in the world. I was drawn to portray how the struggle is all there, but is transformed by Jesus' resurrection. After Easter, the brokenness is still there, but as present-day disciples, we join Jesus to work to take it all away, knowing that God can conquer all brokenness, including death. The left and right images are from Jesus' point of view. On the left we see through his eyes looking out of the tomb, seeing the path of new life that lies ahead. The right banner imagines that Jesus has climbed out of the tomb and is looking back into it, seeing the pain that remains in the world that must be transformed and eradicated with our help."*

—Hannah Garrity

# OPTION A. COLORING POSTERS

**Suitable for:** Youth and adults of all ages
**Level of time, planning, commitment:** ★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

**What you need:**
- The vertical files of the banner designs formatted to be printed 36" x 48"
- Access to a large printer *(or take files to your local Staples, Fed Ex, UPS, print shop, etc.)*
- Colored pencils and/or crayons

**Creative Process:**
**Step #1:** Download 36" x 48" print files
**Step #2:** Bring files to local print shop to print posters
**Step #3:** Invite members of all ages to color in the designs
**Step #4:** Display complete posters for all to enjoy!

# OPTION B. PAINTED BANNERS

**Suitable for:** Youth and adults of all ages
**Level of time, planning, commitment:** ★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆

**What you need:**
- Large roll of kraft paper *(at least 2.5' wide)*
- Projector
- Pencils & black sharpie markers
- Blue painter's tape
- Large wall space
- Glue *(Elmer's or tacky glue)*
- The horizontal .pdf files of the banner designs downloaded to your computer for projection *(designed to create 8' x 2.5' paper banners)*

**Creative Process:**
(Follow the steps and instructions in this tutorial video by Hannah Garrity: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cm-0PsRxaqY)

**Step #1:** Download horizontal files of banner designs *(8' x 2.5')*

**Step #2:** Project designs on large wall space. Adjust display so that the designs project 2.5' wide and 8' long.

**Step #3:** Cut banners 8.5' long and 2.5' wide. The extra 6" in length is for your loop at the top.

**Step #4:** Fold 6" from the top and glue in place to create a loop *(large enough for a dowel rod to slip through for easy display)*. Allow time for glue to dry.

**Step #5:** Pin or tape paper into place along the wall. Adjust projector as needed so that the design lines up with the banner.

**Step #6:** Trace the design. You can darken the black shapes with black sharpie, or leave those spaces white to be filled in with paint.

**Step #7:** As needed, shift the banner and projected image to continue tracing the full banner *(see video for more information)*.

**Step #8:** Using tempera or acrylic paint, invite members of all ages to paint and fill the banner designs with color.

**Step #9:** When dry, hang banner(s) in your church and/or sanctuary for all to be moved by your beautiful art.

# OPTION C. PAPER LACE CUT-OUT BANNERS

**Suitable for:** older youth (with supervision) and adults
**Level of time, planning, commitment:** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**What you need:**
- Large roll of white, photography studio backdrop paper
- Box cutters
- Newspaper *(to fold and place behind paper while cutting)*
- Projector
- Pencils
- Blue painter's tape
- Large wall space
- Glue *(Elmer's or tacky glue)*
- The horizontal .png files of the banner designs downloaded to your computer for projection

**Creative Process:**
(Follow the steps and instructions in this tutorial video by Hannah Garrity:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cm-0PsRxaqY)

**Step #1:** Download horizontal files of banner designs *(8' x 2.5')*

**Step #2:** Project designs on large wall space. Adjust display so that the designs project 2.5' wide and 8' long.

**Step #3:** Cut banners 8.5' long and 2.5' wide. The extra 6" in length is for your loop at the top. You will want to use white photography studio backdrop paper because it is thicker than Kraft paper and will maintain its integrity as you cut away the background shapes.

**Step #4:** Fold 6" from the top and glue in place to create a loop *(large enough for a dowel rod to slip through for easy display)*. Allow time for glue to dry.

**Step #5:** Pin or tape paper into place along the wall. Adjust projector as needed so that the design lines up with the banner.

**Step #6:** Trace the design. You will be cutting away the black shapes, so you may want to darken or mark those shapes to guide you when you begin cutting.

**Step #7:** As needed, shift the banner and projected image to continue tracing the full banner *(see video for more information)*.

**Step #8:** Using box cutters, cut away the black shapes. Place folded newspaper underneath banner as you cut to protect your surface from blade marks. If your blade gets dull, break off the blade for a fresh one *(see video for more information)*. While cutting, leave space between the cut-out shapes to maintain the strength and integrity of the banner. Don't stress about cutting the shapes out perfectly. Simplify curved lines with straight cuts as needed. The banners will be viewed from a distance, so small changes won't affect the larger design. If you make any mistakes, simply tape or staple it back together. No matter what, your work will be beautiful, and little imperfections are part of what makes the art honest and beautiful.

**Step #9:** Invite members to help cut. Many hands makes light work!

**Step #10:** Display finished banners in your sanctuary for all to enjoy!