

## **Floor Cloth Prep:**

### **1. Choose your canvas:**

Select a heavy-duty canvas fabric, like #8 cotton duck canvas, (I am using Black Out Cloth) that is at least 4-6 inches larger than your desired finished size. (to create a 1–2-inch hem)

### **2. Prepare the canvas:**

- **Preshrink:** Cotton canvas should be preshrunk before painting. (Most come this way)
- **Cut and Hem:** Cut the canvas to the desired size, adding extra for a hem. Turn the edges under and sew or secure them with tape. (you can use a fabric adhesive in liquid or tape form)
- **Prime:** If not using pre-primed canvas, apply a coat of primer to both sides and let it dry.

### **3. Design and Painting:**

- **Plan your design:** Sketch your design on paper or use a projector to transfer it to the canvas.
- **Block or stencil:** Use painter's tape for simple geometric designs or stencils for more intricate patterns.
- **Paint:** Apply your chosen colors using brushes or rollers. Consider using a water-resistant sealer for durability.

### **4. Finishing:**

- **Seal:** Apply several coats of a water-resistant sealer like polyurethane, allowing each coat to dry completely. To both sides. (it will warp or curl if you don't)
- **Wax (Optional):** For a glossy finish, apply floor wax and buff.

### **5. Maintenance:**

Sweep or vacuum regularly to remove dirt and grit. Damp mop with mild soap for cleaning.