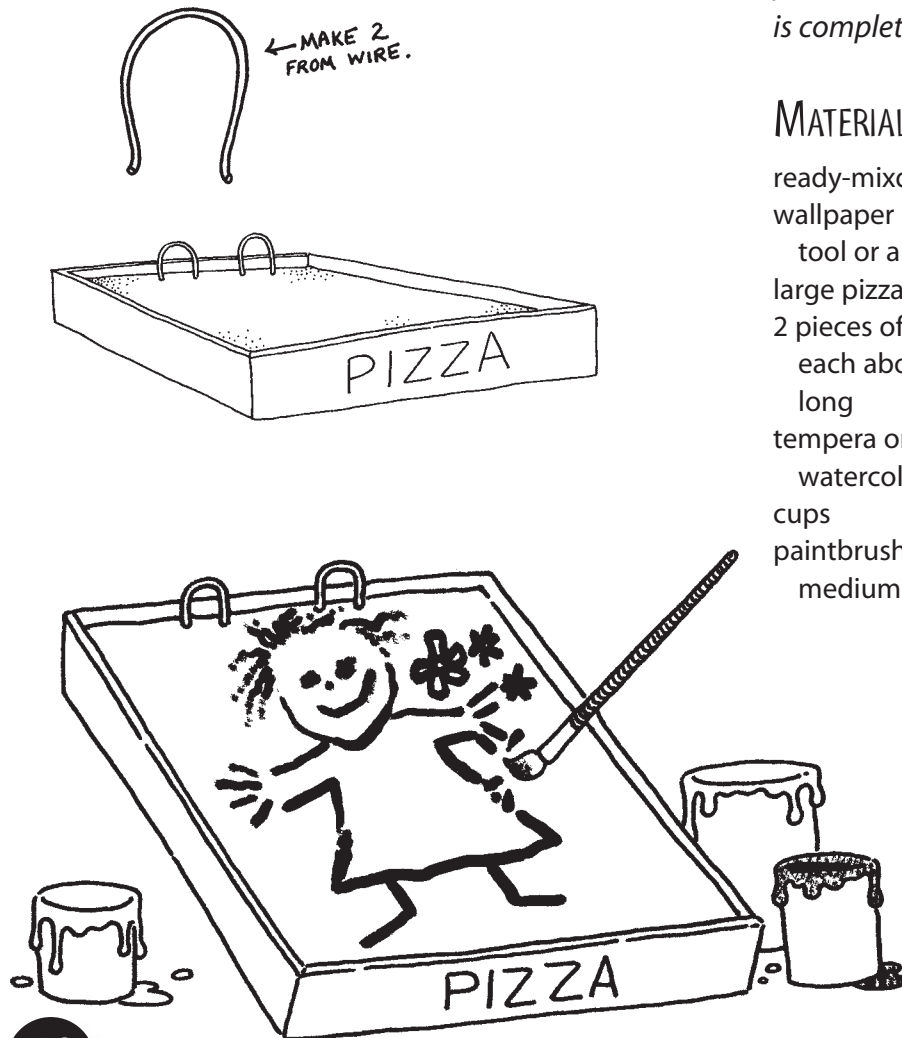




# Big, Big Fresco

*Spread filling plaster in a large pizza box. When it's setting up but still damp, paint on the plaster to make a large, easy fresco (a painting on plaster). When the plaster is completely dry, peel away the pizza box and display the fresco.*



## MATERIALS

ready-mixde plaster  
wallpaper smoother  
tool or any spatula  
large pizza box  
2 pieces of strong wire,  
each about 10cm  
long  
tempera or  
watercolour paint  
cups  
paintbrushes, small to  
medium points

## PROCESS

1. Spread plaster with a wallpaper smoother tool or a spatula in a large pizza box to a depth of about 3cm. Make it as smooth as possible, leveling ridges and points. For even larger frescos, use larger forms.
2. Bend a piece of wire to make a horseshoe-shaped loop. Repeat. Tuck the open ends of the wire pieces into the top edge of the wet plaster, so they stick out about 1.5cm. Allow to dry in place to be used as hooks.
3. Let the plaster set up for several hours until firm and hard, but still damp.  
Clean-up tip: Wash plaster from tools outdoors. A little bit in the sink won't hurt, but too much might clog the drain.
4. Paint directly on the damp plaster. The paint will soak into the compound slightly while you paint.
5. When finished, allow the fresco to dry completely.
6. Then peel away the pizza box so the fresco can be displayed.  
Hang from the looped wire hooks in the top edge of the fresco.

## VARIATIONS

Spread plaster:

- on cardboard. Let dry completely. Draw or colour on the hard mud with markers, chalk or watercolour paint;
- in a pizza box and then stick interesting collage items into the wet plaster. Let dry.