# Santa's Cookies

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## PALETTE - DecoArt Americana

Avocado Black Green Black Plum **Burnt Sienna** Buttermilk Camel

Celery Green Country Red Flesh Tone French Grey Blue Honey Brown Lamp Black

Light Buttermilk Milk Chocolate Neon's Fiery Red Red Iron Oxide Sand Titanium White

# **BRUSHES - Loew-Cornell Golden Taklon**

Flat: #4, #8

Glaze/Wash: 3/4", 1" Angular: 1/2", 3/4"

Liner: #10/0

Script Liner: #10/0

Round: #2

Mop: (Series 275) 3/4"

## **ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES**

Tack Cloth **Tracing Paper** Transfer Paper Sand Paper **Kneaded Eraser** Stylus

Stain DecoArt Multi-Purpose Sealer DecoArt Matte Spray Sealer

#### **PREPARATION**

Sand wood surface with medium-grit sandpaper. To further smooth the surface, lightly sand with fine-grit sandpaper. Remove any dust with tack cloth. Apply stain to the back of the wood surface. Let dry. Apply Multi-Purpose Sealer to the side of the surface that will be painted on. When dry, lightly sand with fine-grit sandpaper to remove any raised wood grain. Remove dust with the tack cloth. Trace and transfer basic pattern lines to surface; transfer details as needed.

#### **PAINTING INSTRUCTIONS**

## **Background sky:**

Base with Lamp Black. Dot the falling snow with Titanium White.

#### Santa face:

Base Santa's face and lip with Flesh Tone. Shade around the top of the forehead and down the sides of the nose with Burnt Sienna. Float the cheeks, around the end of the nose, and around the bottom of the lip with Red Iron Oxide. Strengthen the shading in the corners of the cheeks, around the end of the nose, and around the bottom of the lip with a light wash of Country Red. With Titanium White, paint a fine highlight stroke along the bottom right of the lip. Paint the eyes with Lamp Black. Use the stylus with Titanium White to dot highlights in each eye. Float the lenses of Santa's glasses with Titanium White. Paint the highlight strokes on the lenses with Titanium White. Paint the frame of the glasses with Lamp Black. Paint the stray hair and eyebrows with Titanium White. This step will be painted after the cuff of the hat is completed.

## Coat and hat:

Base the coat and the top of the hat with Country Red. Shade the coat behind the beard and paint the stripes with Black Plum. Shade the top of the hat in the folds, under the cuff of the hat, and dot the hat with Black Plum. Highlight along the sides of the sleeves on the coat and the rolls on the folds of the hat with Neon's Fiery Red. Base the cuff of the hat with Camel. Transfer the lines for the checks onto the cuff of the hat. Base the green checks with Celery Green. Shade along the sides and bottom of the Celery Green checks with Avocado. Deepen the shading in the same areas of the Celery Green checks with a brush mix of Avocado and Black Green. Shade the Camel checks along the sides and bottom with Honey Brown. Deepen the shading in the same areas of the Camel checks with Milk Chocolate. Paint the pompom on the end of the hat in two layers. Paint the first layer with Sand and the second layer, making sure not to completely cover the first so you will have dimension, with Titanium White.

## Hair, mustache, and beard:

Base the hair, mustache and beard with Buttermilk. Shade with Sable Brown and highlight with Titanium White.

## **Gingerbread cookies:**

Base the gingerbread with Camel. Stipple the gingerbread with a brush mix of Camel and Honey Brown. Float the gingerbread with a wash of Honey Brown. Shade around the edge of the gingerbread cookies with Burnt Sienna. Line the icing with Light Buttermilk. Use the stylus with Lamp Black to dot the eyes and buttons down the front of the gingerbread. With the tip of your liner brush, dot highlights on each Lamp Black dot. Paint the ribbon around each gingerbread neck with French Grey Blue. Paint the ribbon holding the gingerbread together with Avocado. Dot the holes on the hands with Lamp Black.

#### **FINISHING**

Gently erase any transfer or pencil markings with the kneaded eraser. Lightly spray with a coat of Sealer/Finisher. With Lamp Black, lightly spatter your painted surface. Lightly spray with a few extra coats of DecoArt Matte Spray Sealer.

\*\*\*Free Pattern\*\*\*
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