

“Springtime”

... Is In My Heart

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PALETTE: DecoArt Americana

Titanium White

Sand

Marigold

Honey Brown

Terra Cotta

Burnt Sienna

Espresso

Base Flesh

Red Iron Oxide

Heritage Brick

Gooseberry Pink

Pansy Lavender

Royal Purple

Avocado

Jade Green

Black Green

Lamp Black

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES:

1/8" Wood

DecoArt Matte Spray Sealer

DecoArt All Purpose Sealer

#.01 Black Micron Pen

Transfer Paper

Tracing Paper

Sand Paper

Kneaded Eraser

BRUSHES: Loew-Cornell Golden Taklon

Assorted Flats, Rounds, and Liners

PREPARATION

Sand surface until smooth. Seal wood with DecoArt All Purpose Sealer and let dry. Sand lightly to remove any raised grain. Transfer main pattern onto surface.

PAINTING

Background: Base Background with Jade Green. Shade under the ears and under the bee with Espresso. Paint the stitching around the edge of the heart with a brush mix of Sand and Titanium White.

Bunny: Base the muzzle with Sand. Base the nose with Base Flesh. Base the remaining areas with Honey Brown.

Shade the ears, the face around the nose, under the muzzle and the shoulders with Burnt Sienna. Paint the "x's" on the ears and deepen the shading in some areas with Espresso.

Highlight the top of the head and tops of the ears with a brush mix of Marigold and Honey Brown. Paint the few strands of hair on the top of the head with a brush mix of Sand and Titanium White. Paint the eyes with Lamp Black. Place a highlight dot in the top right corner of each eye with Titanium White.

Shade down the left center of the muzzle with Terra Cotta. Highlight down the right center of the muzzle with Titanium White. Float the cheeks with Red Iron Oxide. You can paint the whiskers with a very fine liner brush and Lamp Black or use a #.01 Black Micron

Pen. (If you decide to use varnish on your completed project, make sure to seal your painted surface with a light coat of DecoArt Matte Spray Finish. This will seal the ink from your Micron Pen. If not sealed, your ink will smear when you apply your varnish).

Shade the nose along the left side and along the top with Red Iron Oxide. Deepen the shading with Heritage Brick. Paint a very thin white highlight on the right side of the nose with Titanium White.

Bee: Base the bee with Marigold. Shade the lower part of the body with Burnt Sienna. Base the wing with Sand. Highlight the top of the wing with Titanium White.

Shade the point of the wing and the fine detail lines in the wing with very thin Terra Cotta. Paint the head, stripes, antennae, and tail with Lamp Black. Paint a thin highlight stroke along the top of the head with Titanium White. With your stylus and Lamp Black, dot the buzzing trail through the flowers once the flowers are finished.

Flowers: Paint the stems and leaves with Avocado. Highlight one side of the leaves with Marigold. With Black Green paint a fine line down the sides of the stems and the vein in the centers of the leaves.

Base the centers of the flowers with Pansy Lavender. Shade along the under side of centers with Royal Purple. Dot the centers with Titanium White.

Base the petals of the larger flowers with a brush mix of Heritage Brick and Gooseberry Pink. Highlight the tips of the petals with a brush mix of Gooseberry Pink and Titanium White. Strengthen the highlighting with Titanium White. Paint the fine lines on the petals starting at the points and bringing them into the petal with Heritage Brick. Base the petals of the smaller flower with Marigold. Highlight the tips with Titanium White. Paint the fine detail lines on the petal using Burnt Sienna.

FINISHING

Erase any pencil markings and draw the whiskers on the muzzle if you are using a Micron Pen. Make sure to seal with several light coats of Decoart Matte Spray Sealer.

This design can be used in so many different ways.

***Drill a small hole in the center and use as a tag for a gift basket or clasp onto a tote or purse.**

***Attach a magnet to the back.**

***Glue a long thin stake to the back and use as a plant poke.**

***Drill a tiny hole on each side of the heart and attach to a basket with wire.**

I hope you will enjoy my "Springtime" design!

Happy Painting!

Renee'