



Category: Crafts

Sub-Category: Holidays

Skill Level: Intermediate

Time Required: 2 days

Materials

Midwest Products Co., Inc.

- 1/64" x 12" x 24" Birch Plywood (Stock #5240)
- Strip Bag (Stock #15)
- Thin Plywood Economy Bag (Stock #16)
- Super Sheets Clear, Colored PVC – Orange (Stock #704-02)
- Super Sheets Clear, Colored PVC – Red (Stock #704-03)
- Super Sheets Clear, Colored PVC – Green (Stock #704-05)
- Super Sheets White Styrene (Stock #701-01)
- Hobby & Craft Ruler (Stock #1125)
- Super Easy Cutter (Stock #1128)
- Super Sander – Fine Grit (Stock #1130)

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Americana Acrylics

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Charcoal Grey 88 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tangelo Orange 196 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Country Red 018 | <input type="checkbox"/> White Wash 02 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gooseberry Pink 27 | <input type="checkbox"/> Williamsburg Blue 40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hauser Light Green 131 | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Blue 190 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lamp Black 067 | <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Blue 086 |

- Starlight Sparkle Top Coat DS32
- Matte Sealer/Finisher DAS13

Royal Brushes

Available through 800-247-2211; www.royalbrush.com

- SG1425-10 Bristle Bright
- SG700-1/2" Golden Taklon Glaze Wash
- SG250-3 Golden Taklon Round

Beacon Adhesives

Available through 800-865-7238, www.beaconcreates.com

- Kids Choice! Glue

Ranger Industries, Inc.

Available through (732) 389-3535; www.rangerink.com

- Glossy Accents

Miscellaneous Supplies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1" Circle Punch | <input type="checkbox"/> 1/8" Hole Punch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Screw Eyes (12) | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 mm Jump Rings (6) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Black Marker | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Needle Nose Pliers | <input type="checkbox"/> Old Towel, Rag or Tack Cloth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saw tooth Picture Hanger | <input type="checkbox"/> 3D Foam Mounting Squares |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer | |

Instructions

Base Coat & Top Coat Plaques

1. Select four 6" by 3" plaques from the Plywood Economy Bag. Sand all edges with Super Sander and wipe off dust with tack cloth. Using the #10 brush, base coat one plaque Lamp Black and the other three White Wash, let dry. Apply a second coat if necessary and let dry. Top coat all three white plaques with Starlight Sparkle Top Coat and the #10 brush, let dry. Apply a second coat, let dry. Select one of the White Wash plaques to use as the "head". Using the 1/2" wash brush and Gooseberry Pink, dry brush a 1-1/2" circle for the "cheek". NOTE: to dry brush, use a very small amount of paint and rub gently on a paper towel to remove even more paint, then apply lightly to your surface. Build up several light coats instead of one heavy coat if necessary. Refer to photo for placement. Top coat all three white plaques with Starlight Sparkle Top Coat and the #10 brush, let dry. Apply a second coat, let dry. Spray two thin coats of Matte Sealer/Finisher to all four plaques, let dry between coats.

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Buttons & Eyes

- ❑ 2. Punch three 1" circles from the Birch Plywood. To create "buttons" punch two or four holes with 1/8" hole punch in center of each circle. Using the pattern provided, cut two eyes from the Birch Plywood with scissors. Sand all edges with Super Sander and wipe off dust with tack cloth. Using the 1/2" wash brush paint the three buttons and two eyes with Lamp Black, let dry. Paint a highlight accent on each eye with the #3 round brush and Charcoal Grey, using the photo as a guide. Spray two thin coats of Matte Sealer/Finisher on eyes, let dry between coats. Apply a generous coat of Glossy Accents over the surface of all three buttons, let dry overnight.

Scarf

- ❑ 3. Select two 3/4" wide pieces of Balsa from the Strip Bag. With the Hobby & Craft Ruler mark off one 6" length, one 3" length, one 2" length and one 1" length. Cut lengths with Super Easy Cutter. Sand all pieces with Super Sander and wipe off with tack cloth. Base coat all pieces with Country Red, using 1/2" wash brush, let dry. Apply a second coat if necessary, let dry. Dip the rounded end of the 1/2" wash brush into the White Wash paint and make "polka dots" on the scarf pieces, let dry. Repeat this technique with the Hauser Medium Green, let dry. Spray two thin coats of Matte Sealer/Finisher, let dry between coats. With Hobby & Craft Ruler measure two rectangles 3/4" by 1" from the White Styrene and cut out with scissors. Cut "fringe" for the scarf along the 3/4" width of each rectangle, but do not cut through the entire length. With the Kid's Choice craft glue, attach "fringe" to the bottom of one end of the 3" scarf piece and the other to the 2" scarf piece, let dry.

Hat Brim & Trim

- ❑ 4. Select one 1/2" wide piece of Balsa from the Strip Bag. With the Hobby & Craft Ruler, mark off 8" and cut with Super Easy Cutter. Sand all edges with Super Sander and wipe off dust with tack cloth. Using the 1/2" wash brush, base coat with Lamp Black, let dry. Apply a second coat if necessary, let dry. Spray two thin coats of Matte Sealer/Finisher, let dry between coats. Select one 3/4" wide piece of Balsa from the Strip Bag. With the Hobby & Craft Ruler, mark off 6" and cut with Super Easy Cutter. Sand all edges with Super Sander and wipe off dust with tack cloth. Using the 1/2" wash brush, base coat with Williamsburg Blue, let dry. Apply a second coat if necessary, let dry. Using the photo as a guide, paint the plaid pattern on the "hat trim" with the #3 round brush and Uniform Blue, let dry. Then with the Winter Blue, let dry. NOTE: use wavy and dotted brush strokes to create a whimsical look. Spray two thin coats of Matte Sealer/Finisher, let dry between coats.

Holly & Carrot Nose

- ❑ 5. Using the pattern provided, trace and cut one carrot nose from Orange PVC and a second from White Styrene. Attach both pieces together with a thin even coat of Glossy Accents, let dry. Using the #3 round brush and Tangelo Orange, outline the carrot nose with wavy and dotted brush strokes, let dry. Using the patterns provided, trace and cut one set of holly berries from Red PVC and a second set from White Styrene. Attach both pieces together with a thin even coat of Glossy Accents, let dry. Using the #3 round brush and Country Red, outline the holly berries with wavy and dotted brush strokes, let dry. Trace and cut two holly leaves from Green PVC and two holly leaves from White Styrene. Attach all pieces together with a thin even coat of Glossy Accents, let dry. Using the #3 round brush and Hauser Light Green, outline the holly leaves with wavy and dotted brush strokes, let dry.

Assembly

- ❑ 6. For placement of the screw eyes, use the Hobby & Craft Ruler to measure 1" in from the side edge along the bottom of the Lamp Black plaque and one of the White Wash plaques. Repeat this step along the top and bottom edge of the remaining two White Wash plaques. Insert screw eyes into each of the twelve marks. Use the needle nose pliers to turn the screw eyes if necessary. Refer to photo for placement and lay out each of the four plaques – in order – on your work surface. Using the needle nose pliers, open all six jump rings. Insert each "pair" of screw eyes into one jump ring and close. Repeat this step five more times until all four plaques are attached.

Finishing

- ❑ 7. Refer to photo for placement. Using Kid's Choice craft glue, adhere the hat brim and trim to the "hat" plaque. Glue holly berries and leaves on top of hat trim. Adhere eyes, then carrot nose to "head" plaque. Glue 6" length of scarf along top edge of first "body" plaque, then 3" length, then 2" length, then 1" length on top. Using 3D foam mounting squares (cut in half) place four pieces around each "button" and adhere in random pattern on first and second "body" plaques. Turn entire piece over on your work surface. Using Hobby & Craft Ruler measure 3" in from side to find center and 1" down from top edge of the "hat" plaque. Center the saw tooth hanger on your measurements and hammer both nails in place.

