Reindeer Treetings by Sharon Bond Artist's Club



Reindeer Greetings!

By Sharon Bond

Palette:

DecoArt Americana Acrylics:

Antique Maroon - # 13160 Bleached Sand - # 13251 Cocoa - # 13253 Hauser Dark Green - # 13133 Irish Moss - # 13548 Rookwood Red - # 13097 Tomato Red - # 13169

Antique White - # 13058 Butterscotch - # 13518 Deep Midnight Blue - # 13166 Hauser Medium Green - # 13132 Lamp Black - # 13067 Sable Brown - # 13061 Traditional Burnt Umber - # 13221 Winter Blue - # 13190

Surface:

Door Plaque - # 62524

Warm White - # 13239

Misc. Supplies:

Swirls/Snowflakes Stencil - # 70816 Identi Pen Black - # 70830 Splattering Tool or an Old Toothbrush

DecoArt Easy Float - # 87396 DecoArt Acrylic Spray Sealer/Finisher Matte - # 70836

Brushes:

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Glaze/Wash, size 3/4" - # 20102 Shader, size 6 - #20127; size 8 - #20129 Script Liner, size 10/0 - # 20137

Round, size 2 - # 20138; size 3 - #20159

Loew Cornell

244 Series - Angular Bristle Brush, size ½" - # 27198

Preparation:

Preparation of the board is easy & fun! First basecoat the entire board in Deep Midnight Blue and let dry. (Do not worry about the trim around the board at this time). Once dry, take your splattering tool or an old toothbrush and flick Bleached Sand over the entire board. Love the effect this gives a wintry piece! Let dry. At this point, you can transfer the main outline of the deer, the moon and the banner so you have their placement on the board. I then used Bleached Sand to apply the Swirls/Snowflakes stencil around the objects traced. Let this dry and then we are ready to start on the details!



MOON - Basecoat the moon with Winter Blue. Let dry and then highlight with Bleached Sand.



I shaded the left side of the moon with a bit of Deep Midnight Blue. Cheeks are float shaded with Tomato Red. Facial features are all lined finely in Black (you can use your pen if you wish). Trim of his hat and ball at the end of his hat are both based in Antique White. I actually "dab" this on. It builds up a bit of texture that way. You may want to dab on two coats of the Antique White - then dab on a layer of Bleached Sand. It's okay if they mix and blend a bit - I like this look! Basecoat the hat in Rookwood Red, then highlight (mainly to the right side) with Tomato Red. Then shade around all of the hat & trim with Traditional Burnt Umber. Outline finely in Black. I also thinned some Bleached Sand (thinned with Easy Float) to line a couple of small highlight lines - one to the face on the left and one on the hat to the left.



REINDEER - Basecoat the entire Reindeer in Sable Brown - let dry. Drybrush over the entire Reindeer in Cocoa - let dry. Continue using the same brush you used with the Cocoa and add just a bit of Antique White to this - highlight a few areas on the deer - around the eye/face, belly, back hip and front leg - let dry. Solidly paint the antlers with Cocoa. Once dry, paint back over the antlers in Antique White. Float shade the inside of the ear and backside of the tail with Warm White. Hooves are painted solidly in Black. Nose is Black. Cheek is float shaded with Tomato Red and eye is lined in Black. Shade around the entire deer, including the antlers, with Traditional Burnt Umber. You can now transfer the saddle and straps onto the deer. Basecoat the straps and the inside of the saddle with Rookwood Red. Once dry, highlight these same areas with Tomato Red. The trim around the saddle is based Hauser Dark Green. Once dry, drybrush this with a bit of Hauser Medium Green and then highlight with a bit of Irish Moss. You can transfer the bells on the straps at this point as well as the stars on the saddle. Bells are painted in Butterscotch and lined finely in Black. Stars are based in Warm White and lined finely in Black. Once everything is dry, shade around the saddle and straps with Traditional Burnt Umber. I thinned a bit of Bleached Sand with Easy Float to line a few random highlights on the deer (legs, belly, face). I also used this thinned paint to add fine lines to the strap across the deer's mouth.

BANNER - Basecoat the banner in Hauser Dark Green and let dry. Drybrush over the banner with a bit of Hauser Medium Green then highlight with Irish Moss. Once dry, I shaded around the inside edge of the banner with Hauser Dark Green, I also shaded heavily with this where the banner "folds" on each end. Once this has dried, I thinned a bit of Warm White to do the lettering in.



Finishing:

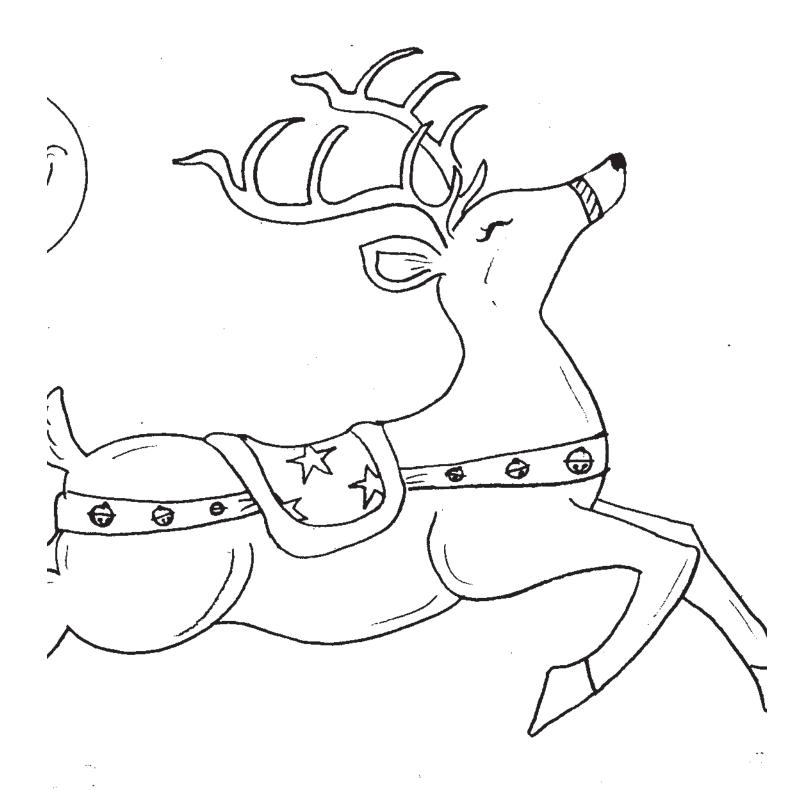
Now that the main painting is complete, I wanted to go back and paint the trim/rim around the door plaque. I used my smaller shader and based the trim with Antique Maroon. This does a great job of covering up any Deep Midnight Blue that may have been there from your earlier basecoat. I did go back over the trim for a second coat, this time using Rookwood Red to finish it up. Once this is completely dry, we will be ready to seal! Today I used DecoArt Acrylic Spray Sealer/Finisher and spray sealed the project. This was a lot of fun for me to paint today and I hope you will enjoy it as well!!

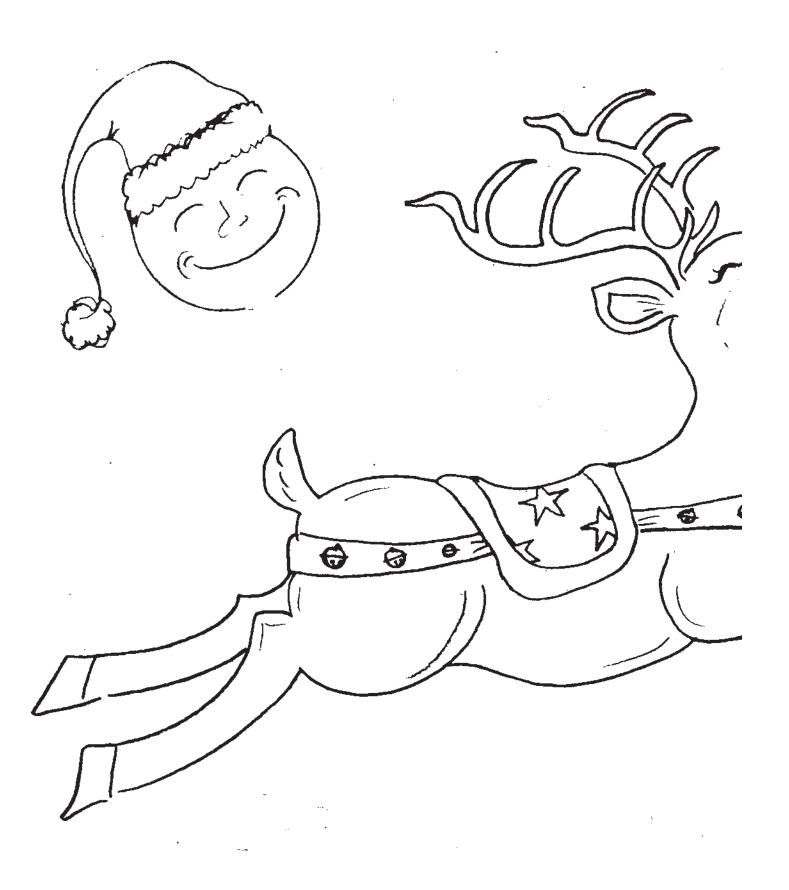


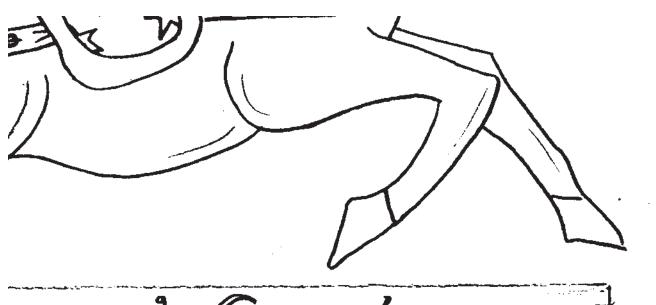
Pattern at 100%



To ensure your pattern is at 100%, this box should measure 1" x 1" when printed.







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