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My favorite Season!! I Love everything about it! The crisp cool air, the smell of the falling leaves, the full rich colour that is everywhere. ! So it stands to reason that I would Love to paint with these colour s too!! This is a simple and fun project and looks quite smart hanging in a window or even as a place card for a Thanks giving dinner.. You decide!!

You will Need:

Vikingwoodcrafts.com

Large Wooden Tag (4 x 6) Item # 207-0521-01

DecoArt Americana

Pumpkin, Persimmon, Red Alert, Asphaltum, Plantation Pine, Antigue Green, Olive Green, Marigold, Warm White, Lamp Black Neon Green and Neon Orange Glamour Dust Paints

Dynasty faux Squirrel Brushes 1827

3/4 flat wash, 1/2 angled shader, #2 Rigger, #4 Round, #2 Single Blender, 1/2 Stencil Brush

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Tracy's Maple Leaf Stencil, L'Acrobate

To Begin:

Base coat the tag with two Coats of lamp Black. Let dry then sand lightly. Wipe off the dust.

The Background:

Position the maple leaf stencil onto the tag so they appear to be diagonal. Then Stipple over the stencil with the stencil brush and each of the following colours, Red Alert, Marigold, Persimmon, and Pumpkin, so that each leaf has a mottled appearance. You are NOT looking for a perfect leaf. Let it dry. Sand the leaves vigorously to lightly distress them. Then with the 3/4 flat wash apply a was of thinned Lamp Black over the entire tag. Let it dry. The leaves should have a slightly faded appearance.

The Pumpkin and Leaves:

Base coat the Pumpkin with Persimmon, Shade each section with Asphaltum, and then highlight the segments with a dry brush of Pumpkin and then Warm White. Finish with a light coat of neon Orange Glamour Dust Paint. The Leaves are simply painted with each of the colours on the palette, including the Greens then shaded with a float of Asphaltum. Add a little of the Neons for some punch! Use the rigger and the antique green to stroke in the vines.

The Lettering:

The lettering is base coated with Marigold. The bottom of each letter is then shaded with a float of Apsphaltum, the top of each letter is highlighted with a float of Warm White. Shade the background with floats of Lamp Black on the right side of each letter.

Finishing:

Apply three light coats of Americana Satin Spray, lightly sanding between coats for a beautifull smooth finish.

