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Paint

Delta Creative Ceramcoat®
Acrylic Paint
Black
Blueberry
Burnt Sienna
Golden Brown
Leaf Green
Maple Sugar Tan
Purple Dusk
Seminole Green
Walnut

Brushes

Loew-Cornell La-Corneille Golden Taklon
Series 7550C 3/4-inch wash
Series 7300C no. 12 shader
Series 7350C no. 0 liner
Series 7040 no. 8 round stroke
Series 5000 no. 4, 8 round

Miscellaneous Supplies

11"x 7.5" photo/storage box, tracing paper,
white graphite paper, stylus, water bowl, paper
towels, palette, scissors, sea sponge, Sharpie
fine point black marker, stiff toothbrush, Kitchen
sponge.
Delta Ceramcoat All-Purpose Sealer, Sparkle
Glaze & Matte Varnish

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Instructions

Seal entire box with All-Purpose Sealer.

Squeeze Purple Dusk and Blueberry on palette at a 1:1 ratio. Dip sea sponge into both colors and sponge over entire box, creating a mottled mix.

Transfer main lines of pattern using white graphite and stylus or pencil.

Sign

Use a flat brush to basecoat the sign with a few coats of Leaf Green. Squeeze Seminole Green and Leaf Green on palette at a 1:1 ratio. To create a mottled look on sign, dip a sea sponge into both colors and sponge randomly over sign.

Giraffe

Basecoat giraffe and upper area of hooves with Burnt Sienna. Basecoat lower area of hooves with Walnut.

Float shading around design with Blueberry. Use a no. 8 Chinese Bristle to dry-brush highlights on horns, ears, face, neck and upper hooves with Golden Brown. Dry-brush over same areas in a smaller portion with a hint of Maple Sugar Tan. Dry-brush highlights on lower hooves with Golden Brown and inside ears with Walnut.

Cut a small circle from kitchen sponge (small enough to match larger spots on pattern). Squeeze a puddle of Burnt Sienna and Walnut on palette. Dip sponge into both colors and dot face and neck of giraffe. Use a round brush to add the smaller spots. Let dry.

Float shading on top of horns, inside ears, under chin, neck and sides of upper hooves with Walnut. Float shading inside ears, under chin and sides of lower hooves with a hint of Black.

Basecoat eyes and nose with Black. Dip-dot highlight inside eyes with Maple Sugar Tan.

Branch and Leaves

Line branch with Walnut. Line highlights along top of branch with Golden Brown. Repeat highlights with Maple Sugar Tan.

Use a round stroke brush to stroke leaves with a coat of Seminole Green. Stroke leaves again with double-load of Seminole Green + Leaf Green.

Randomly stroke a few highlights on leaves with a double-load of Leaf Green + Maple Sugar Tan.

Optional Border

To add a border around box lid, randomly stroke thin and wide vertical stripes of Black, Seminole Green, Blueberry and Golden Brown around lid.

Details

Apply Sparkle Glaze to leaves. Use a stiff toothbrush to splatter entire box with Black.

Use a Sharpie to line eyelids, creases and cracks on sign, words, and around entire design.

Finishing

Let pen lines dry and cure overnight before varnishing to prevent smearing of lines. Apply several thin coats of Matte Varnish to box.

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