



How to Paint Evergreen Sprigs & Berries

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Supplies

Frames and Wooden Tag – Available at Michael's

Other Supplies: Palette paper, water basin, stencils, embossing heat tool or blow dryer, baby wipes, ribbon of choice, and paper towels.

DecoArt Americana Acrylics: Plantation Pine, Lamp Black, Asphaltum, Antique Green, Warm White, Snow Titanium White, Red Alert, Dioxazine Purple, and Orange Flame.

Other DecoArt Paints: Chalky Gesso – White & Beige and Media Fluid Acrylic in Paynes Gray.

Brushes: 1/4", 3/8", and 1/2" Angle Brushes

Frames: The black frame was painted with Chalky Gesso Black and the tan frame with Chalky Gesso Beige.

Instructions

Load Angle brush with Asphaltum and Black and slide on the chisel edge to paint the main branch. Start at the top of the branch and slide back on the chisel edge to paint the sprig. Repeat on both sides of the main branch as well as on top of the branch.

Wipe off the brush, load with Plantation Pine, and then load the toe of the brush only with Antique Green; blend on palette. Add Warm White to the toe of the brush and blend on the palette. Start at the top stroke and slide back on the chisel edge of the brush and work down both sides as well as in the center of the evergreen sprig. Wipe off the brush, reload with

Plantation Pine and then Antique Green on the toe; blend on palette. Add Titanium White to the toe of the brush and blend. Paint a few highlight strokes on each evergreen sprig. With each layer of color, try not to cover up all of the color previously used. This will give our evergreen sprigs some dimension.

Berries: Dip the end of the paint brush handle into Red Alert and swirl berries on here and there. Let it dry. Load the toe of the 1/4" Angle brush with Orange Flame and float color on the light side of the berries. Wipe the brush off, load with Dioxazine Purple, and float color at the base of the berries. Let it dry. Load the toe of the brush with Titanium White and swipe a small highlight stroke on each berry.

TIP: To get a fluffier evergreen sprig, simply tap on the chisel edge of the brush as you pull each stroke.

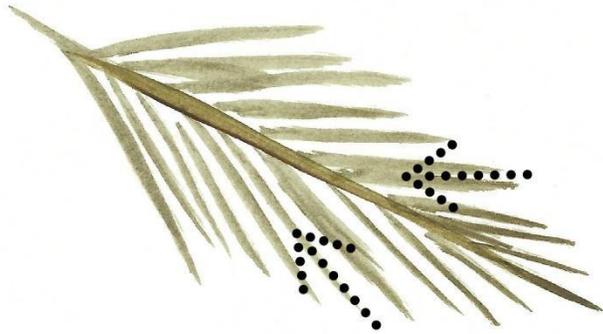
To give the appearance of snow on the evergreen, load the toe of the angle brush with Titanium White and slide a few strokes on each evergreen sprig.



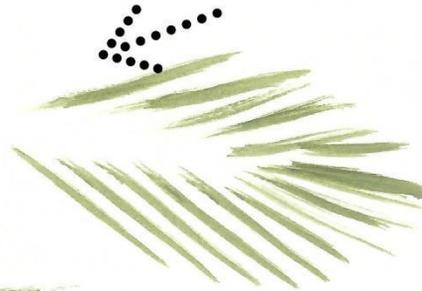
Evergreen Spring Practice Sheet

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Layering the colors will give the evergreen sprigs some dimension.



Slide on the chisel edge of the brush to paint the main stem. Start at the top of the sprig and slide back on the chisel edge to paint the needles. From both sides of the stem, slide on the chisel edge at an angle to paint needles and paint some strokes in the center to fill in the sprig.



Tap on the chisel edge of the brush as you pull the stroke to add a little "fluffiness" to the strokes.



Berries: Paint base color (Red Alert) float Orange Flame along top of the berries and float Dioxazine Purple along the base of the berries. Paint a small white highlight on the top of each berry.