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Festive Holiday Glass Painting

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Supplies

Glass Plates, glasses, etc.

Other Supplies: Black wet erase marker, rubbing alcohol, double sided tape, palette paper, water basin, stencils, embossing heat tool or blow dryer, and paper towels.

DecoArt Glass Paints: White, Black, Blue, Green, Deep Green, Yellow, and Red

We'll also chat about two other DecoArt Paints you can use for your glass painting projects – DecoArt Gloss Enamels and Multi-Surface Acrylics.

DecoArt Glass Paint Markers: Black & White Opaque Glass Paint Markers

Brushes: #6 Flat, 1/4" Angle brush & a liner brush of choice (You want the brushes to be soft, synthetic bristles)

Surface Prep

You always want to make sure your glass piece is free from dirt, dust, and fingerprints so wipe it clean with some rubbing alcohol. Don't use too much, and make sure to wait for it to dry completely before drawing or painting on your design.

Drawing on the design elements

If you want your design painted on the back of a glass plate, lay the line drawing behind the glass and trace around the design with a black wet erase marker. Once you've painted the design or letters on the back, you can simply wipe off the wet erase marker with a damp paper towel.

If your designs are going to be painted on the front of the glass plate, simply lay the design on the front of the plate and turn it over. Trace the lines using the wet erase marker to give you guidelines when painting on the front.

The DecoArt Glass Markers make it easy to paint designs, words, etc. on your glass projects. You'll want to make sure to let the pen completely dry before going over it too many times or it will begin to lift. I like to hit mine with a heat tool to set the pen and then go over it to make it wider or more opaque if necessary.

We'll cover two different ways to paint holly and berries and easy to paint snowflakes using the DecoArt Opaque Glass Marker in white.

Stencils are fun to use to add words or patterns to your glass projects. It can be a little tricky to get them on without smearing. If you use stencils on glass, you'll want to make sure to tape the

stencil in place on your surface. Use a dense makeup wedge or sponge loaded with just a little paint to pounce the paint on. Let the paint dry and reapply to make it more opaque if desired.

Sandy's Tips

1. Paint in layers! Let things dry before reapplying paint or adding shading or highlights. You can use a heat tool (my preferred method) or a blow dryer.
2. Print off designs, hand lettering, etc. and tape onto clear glass surfaces for a quick and easy to follow pattern. Use a non-wax transfer paper for non-clear glass projects.
3. Make sure your hands are very clean and free of oils when handling the glassware.
4. Have some soft paper towels and q-tips on hand to clean up areas that might need it.
5. MIX COLORS!!! The DecoArt Glass Paints are intermixable and creating custom colors is so much fun! We'll be creating a few colors for these designs.

Holly Leaves

Paints used: Green, Deep Green, White, Black, Red and Yellow

Holly Leaves on Plate: Paint leaves with Green; let dry. Paint lighter side with a mixture of Green, Yellow and White; let dry. Paint the darker side with Deep Green; let dry. Highlight with White.

Holly Leaves on Glass: Paint the leaves with Green; let dry. Load brush with Green and then on one corner only add Yellow and White; blend on corner. Paint color on the highlighted side of the leaves. Rinse brush, load corner with Deep Green and float color at the base and slightly up the opposite highlighted side of the leaves. Reload brush, float color up the center of the leaves. Rinse brush, load corner with Green, Yellow and White; blend on corner. Float the highlight up the opposite side of the center vein. Let it dry.

Holly Berries

Paints used: Red, Black and White

Dip handle into Red and dot the berries; let dry. Load the toe on an angle brush or corner on the flat brush with Red and a touch of Black; blend. Float color at the base of the berries. Rinse brush, reload with White and highlight the top of each berry.

I used a buffalo check stencil (available at sandymctierdesigns.com) for the bottom of the holly and berries glass.

Snowflakes

Paints used: White or White Glass Paint Marker

Blue was used for the Merry and Bright words in the center of the plate. The words were painted on the back of the plates for both designs shown.

Let your design dry for at least 72 hours before using. You can also bake your plate for added durability and to be able to wash it on the top rack of the dishwasher.

Baking instructions

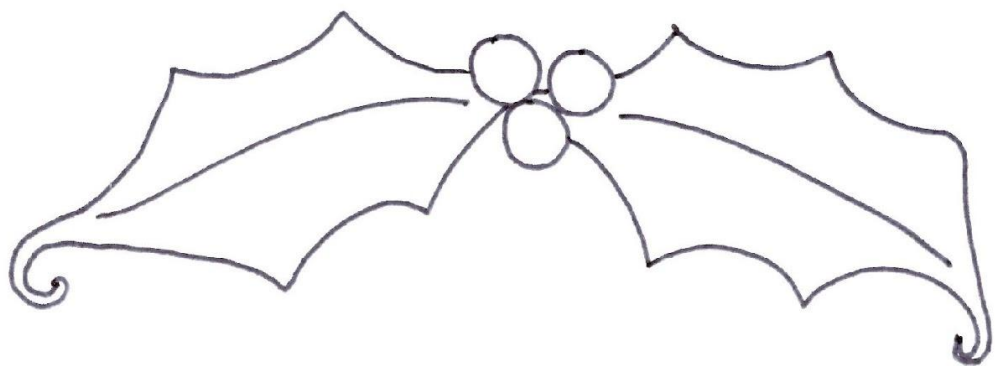
Place glass in a cold oven, face down (if you painted in reverse) so that the painted design is facing the top of your oven. Preheat the oven to 275 degrees and then bake for 30 minutes. Turn the oven off and let the dish cool down in the oven. Don't be tempted to open the door – it could cause your glassware to crack.

Scroll down for patterns!

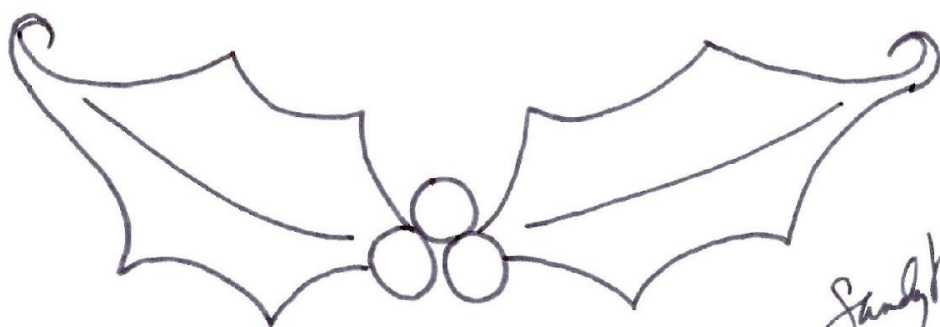








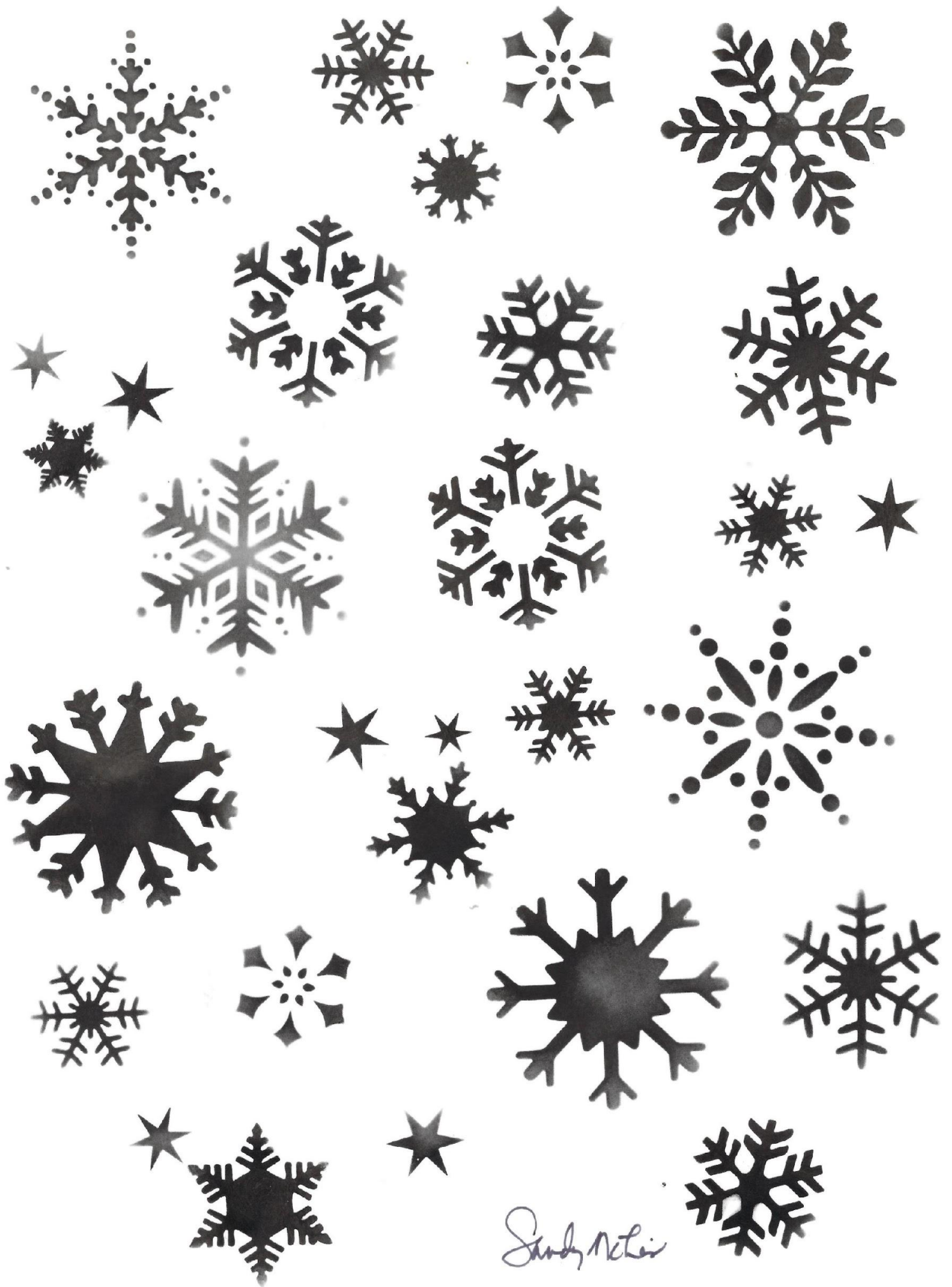
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