**Winter Ornaments**

By Sandra Malone

**Palette:**

**Deco Art Americana Acrylics**

Alizarin Crimson

Antique Maroon Moon Yellow

Bleached Sand Plantation Pine

Camel Salem Blue

Cranberry Wine Tangerine

Foliage Green Tuscan Red

Hauser Medium Green Uniform Blue

Honey Brown Warm White

Light Cinnamon Winter Blue

**Surface:**

This is a paper mache’ book box that I purchased at Hobby Lobby, but any surface would be okay. The book measures 7 1/2 by 5 inches. It would be fun to paint a special ornament to go inside for a gift, or you could use it to store Christmas Cards or notes.

**Misc. Supplies:**

Tracing Paper

Grey and White Graphite Paper

Stylus

Old Tooth Brush for Spattering

Scrap Book Paper-optional

Deco Art-Deco Pauge-optional

Deco Art Americana Sealer/Finisher-Matte

**Brushes:**

Use your favorites. I use shader sizes 12-10-8-6-4-2 and a liner brush

**Preparation:**

I didn’t do any special prep for the paper mache’, just begin basecoating with Alizarin Crimson. This color will take several coats for a good coverage. I basecoated the inside also. Spatter inside and outside Warm White. I like to set the corner of my tooth brush down randomly to get some larger spots.

**Red Ornament:**

Basecoat with Tuscan Red. Repeat as needed. Mix a puddle of paint using Tangerine plus Tuscan Red. This will be your first highlight color. Dry brush or float this on the lower left edge, the center, and the top left area of the ornament. Repeat, and allow to dry. Pick up a little more Tangerine and highlight again on the lower left and center areas. Add a final highlight with just Tangerine. Float or dry brush Cranberry Wine for shading around the cap, and the left area just under the candy garland. Float this color on the right side slightly above the center area of the ornament. Repeat as needed. Float or dry brush a tint of Salem Blue on the right side and lower left area.

**Cap:**

Basecoat Camel. Repeat as needed. Shade Honey Brown first, and then Light Cinnamon. Highlight Moon Yellow, and then Warm White plus a small amount of Moon Yellow. Add a tint using thin Salem Blue. The hanger is Light Cinnamon, highlighted Honey Brown.

**Note:**

At this stage of the painting, float Antique Maroon around the right side of the ornaments. Repeat as needed.

**Candy Garland: (on the red ornament)**

Basecoat Warm White. Repeat as needed. Float Winter Blue along the lower area. Repeat as needed. If you need a little extra shading, add a small amount of Uniform Blue to Winter Blue. The linework is Tuscan Red. The vine is Hauser Medium Green, highlighted Foliage Green. The small stroke leaves are the same greens. Add a tiny shade to each using Plantation Pine. Add tiny Warm White dots throughout the vine area.

**Snowflake Ring:**

The candy is painted the same as the garland on the large red ornament. Float Antique Maroon around the right side going under it about half way. The hanger is Honey Brown highlighted Moon Yellow. The snowflake ring is little drop strokes, dots, and small stars using Warm White.

**Peppermint Ornament:**

Basecoat the area first with Bleached Sand. This is a good under coverage for a white object. Basecoat again using Warm White. Repeat. The red stripes are Tuscan Red. Repeat. Float a mix of Winter Blue plus a small amount of Uniform Blue down the left side. Float the same mix to form the inside edge of the ornament, and also the center. If you need more contrast, float thin Uniform Blue over this. Float Cranberry Wine or Antique Maroon over the broad red stripes going over the existing blue shading. Add a Warm White highlight line over the front of the ornament. The cap is painted the same as the large red ornament.

**Leaf:**

Basecoat Hauser Medium Green. Form the shading with Plantation Pine. Highlight Foliage Green. Add Foliage Green to the tips of the leaf. The berries are Tuscan Red, shaded Cranberry Wine to Antique Maroon. Highlight with your Tuscan Red-Tangerine mix. Add a final Warm White highlight dot to each berry. The small stroke leaves are your greens. Add tiny Warm White dots surrounding the leaf and berries.

**Paper Edge of the Book:**

I purchased Christmas scrap book paper at Hobby Lobby, and cut it to fit the edge of the book. Brush on your Deco-Pauge Medium and adhere the paper. Brush a coat of the Deco-Pauge over the paper and allow to dry. You could use a newspaper or any paper of your choice for this step. You could even paint it a contrasting color.

**Finish:**

Spray a light mist of varnish over the book. Allow to dry and spray again.