

"I Believe in Santa"

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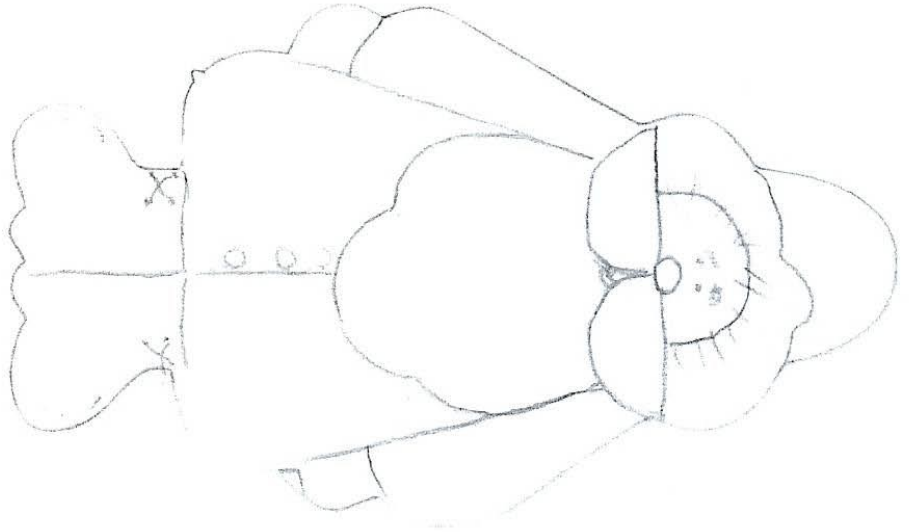
Level: Beginner to Intermediate with floating skills

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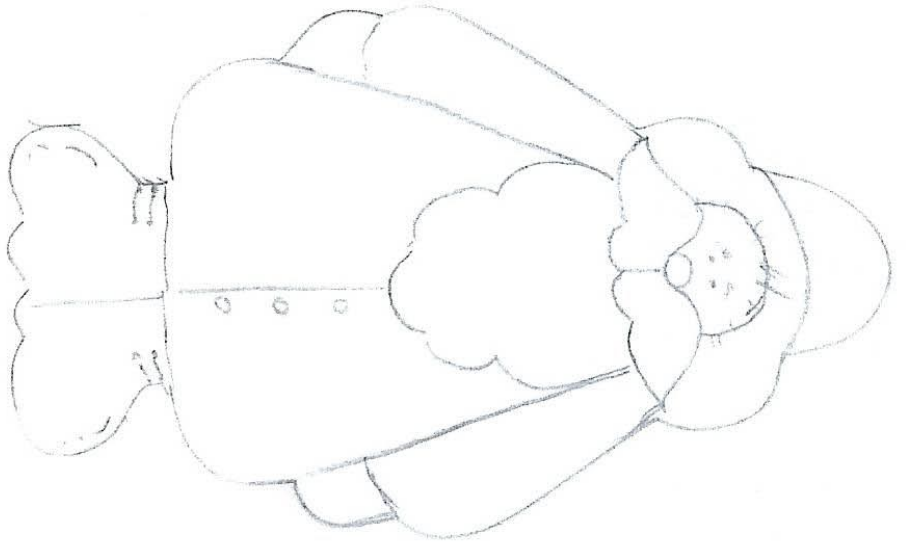


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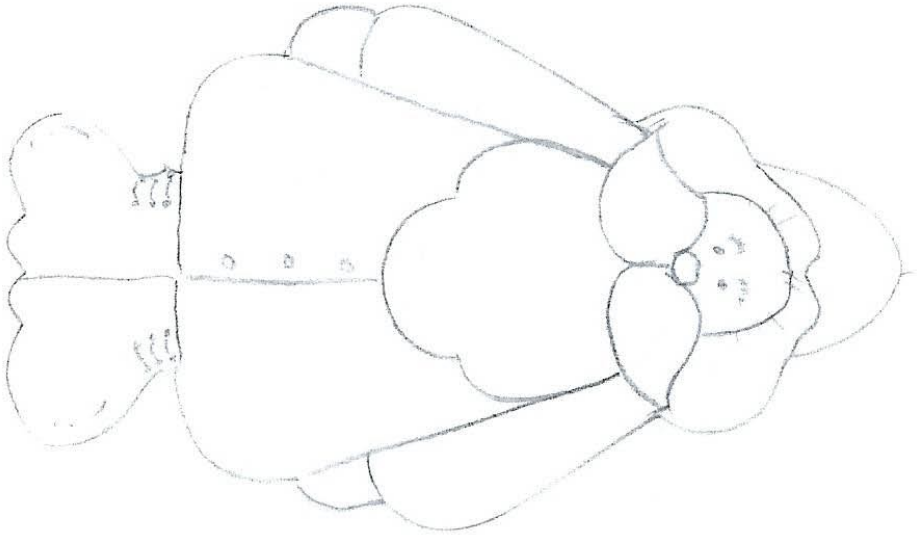
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Requirements

Wooden plaque and 3 Santa cutouts
Multi-purpose sealer
Sandpaper
Flat brushes 1", ½" and ¼"
Round brushes No.1 and No.3
Liner brush
¼" deerfoot brush
Stylus
Transfer paper
Tracing paper
Paper towel
Wet and dry palettes
Chalk pencil
Your usual painting supplies

DecoArt Paints (or close match)

Mocha
Buttermilk
Honey Brown
Country Red
Light Avocado
Williamsburg Blue
Moon Yellow
Milk Chocolate
Red Iron Oxide
Lamp Black
Titanium White
Burnt Umber

Preparation

Give the wood pieces a coat of multi-purpose sealer with the large flat brush and sand well, especially the side edges. An emery board is handy for this step. Transfer the pattern.

Base coating using brushes that best fit the space (don't forget to paint side edges)

Plaque: *Light Avocado* with routed edge *Country Red* (or your choice of colours from the palette)

Hat and coat Santa #1: *Light Avocado*

Hat and coat Santa #2: *Country Red*

Hat and coat Santa #3: *Williamsburg Blue*

All faces: *Mocha*

All beards and moustaches: *Buttermilk*

All hat trims: *Honey Brown*

All boots, buttons, eyes and inside mouth of Santa #2: *Black* (Note: buttons and eyes are stylus dots)

Mittens Santa # 1: *Moon Yellow*

Mittens Santa #2: *Light Avocado*

Mittens Santa #3: *Country Red*

Backs of all pieces: *Lamp Black*

Floated shading on all Santas using smaller flat brushes (don't forget side edges)

On and between moustache and beard: *Milk Chocolate*

Around face, behind nose and on lower edge of nose: *Red Iron Oxide*

On hat trim where it meets moustache and face, above hat trim, between body and arms, behind beard, down coat opening, between mittens and coat: *Burnt Umber*

Detail

Float or dry brush cheeks and lower lip with *Country Red*

Stipple hat trim with the dry deerfoot brush, *Honey Brown* and *Buttermilk*

Float or dry brush soft highlights on hat, coat, boots and mittens with *Buttermilk*

Paint eyebrows, hair and bootlaces with the liner brush and *Titanium White*

Paint highlight dots and strokes on eyes, lip, nose, cheeks, buttons and boots with *Titanium White*

Float or dry brush the bottoms of moustache and beard with *Titanium White* to highlight

Paint stripes, spots, crosses etc. on mittens in your choice of colours from the palette

Paint wording on plaque with *Buttermilk*

Finishing

Give the pieces several light coats of varnish; attach Santas and bells to plaque with wire when dry.

Keep believing!

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