

I am so excited to be a part of this Ornament Exchange Blog Hop with all these other amazing artist. I hope you will take the time to check out all of their wonderful projects.

This is my project which I am calling Winter Wonderland. Can you feel the peace my snowy guy is feeling in the quite woods while the snow is gently falling and the moon is casting a warm glow.



To make this sweet snow man you will need the following supplies:

- (1) [Mason Jar Ornament](#) 8" x 3 3/4" 31-L397 available from Cupboard Distributing
- The following colors of DecoArt American paints: Aqua Sky, Dioxazine Purple, Desert Turquoise, Grey Sky, Forest Green, Indian Turquoise, Persimmon, Raw Sienna, Sapphire, Slate Grey, Soft Black, Spa blue, Tomato Red, Warm Beige, Warm White
- DecoArt: Americana Matte Sealer/Finisher (spray)
- These are some suggested brushes, but use what you have: Loew-Cornell La Corneille Golden Taklon: #0 round (Series 7000), #2/0, #10/0 liner (Series 7350), 1/2" , 3/4" angular shader (Series 7400), #2 fan brush, 3/4" wash (Series 7150), 1" Maxine's Mop (Series 270)

Lets Get Started:

- Basecoat your ornament Spa Blue. Transfer on pattern as needed.

Painting your trees:

- (A) Paint the trunk with Raw Sienna. Load small fan brush with Forest Green. Tap brush straight up and down on paper towel to remove excess paint and open hairs of brush. Start at top of tree with brush vertical and tap a few hairs of brush to form top of tree. Turn brush horizontal and begin tapping a few hairs of the brush to form the top branch of the tree. Move down and tap a little wider. Continue down tree making branches wider. Reload brush as needed.
- (B) Load brush with Indian Turquoise tapping off excess and go lightly over tree allowing green to show through. (C) Then load brush with Warm White and using same method as above add snow to branches.



Snowman: (A) Base snowman and ground with Warm White. (A) Float Indian Turquoise on back of head and down left side of body, (B) reinforce with Sapphire. Float Aqua Sky on right side of face and body. (C) Float Dioxazine Purple on lower left side of head and under chin and lower left side of body. Shade snow with same colors.



Adding More Details: (A) Paint nose on snowman with Persimmon and eyes with Soft Black. Using small liner and thinned Sapphire paint line next to left side and under eyes, nose, mouth and buttons. Paint Warm White highlight in eyes and on nose. Paint on cheeks with thinned Spice Pink. Stroke on arms with Raw Sienna and scarf with Tomato Red. Shade scarf with Soft Black highlight with Warm White. Base hat with Slate Grey and band with Sapphire. Shade left side of hat with Soft Black and highlight right side with Grey Sky. Paint wreath with Raw Sienna, pine on wreath with Forest Green and bird with Sapphire. Paint Soft Black eye, highlight with Warm White and paint Raw Sienna beak.

Working on the Jar: (A) Base lid with Grey Sky. Paint lines in lid with Slate Grey. Shade edges of lid with Slate Grey. Float down each side of jar and across bottom about 1/8"-1/4" in from edge. This float should break here and there and should not be one large float.

(B) Make a wide Desert Turquoise float around the edge of the jar. Float under rim of jar with Desert Turquoise.

Tip for making wider floats: Dampen surface with water using 3/4" wash brush. Float with 3/4" angle shader. If needed use mop brush to soften float.

(C) Paint Warm White highlight on jar and lid. Paint branch of pine with Raw Sienna. Paint twine on with Warm White



Pine on jar: (A) paint diagonal lines across twine with Tomato Red. Using liner and Forest Green stroke on pine. (B) Go over with Indian Turquoise and then (C) back over with Forest Green letting some of the under strokes show through. Shade twine with Slate Grey. Flyspeck with Warm White and Desert Turquoise. Remove any transfer lines, varnish and attach desired hanger.





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