

Count Your Blessings – Prep Instructions

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Prep Instructions

DecoArt Americana Colors needed for prep:

#333 Aqua Sky and #064 Burnt Umber

Surface: You may use any surface you choose. Julie used a tray she purchased at the Dollar Store. The size is approximately 7 to 7½" D x 14¾ to 15" L. The design may be painted on wood, metal or plastic. If painted on metal or plastic, lightly sand and then spray with Rustoleum Gray Metal Primer. Let dry for 24 hours before proceeding. If painted on wood, lightly sand and spray with sealer of your choice.

Step 1: Tape off the inside edge of the tray base. Using Burnt Umber base coat the outside edge of the tray. If using the tray, also base coat the back of the surface with Burnt Umber. If not using the tray, this outside edge is approximately 1 ½" wide all around. Even though Burnt Umber is considered an opaque color, you may still need to do 2 to 3 coats to get a good, deep rich color surface. Remove the tape when dry.

Step 2: Once dry, carefully remove the tape. You then must re-tape off the outside edge you just painted to protect the Burnt Umber edge you just painted. If using the same tray I did, that inner base is approximately 4 ½" x 11 ¾". Once taped, base coat with a good coat of Aqua Sky.

Step 3: Once all the prep painting is completed, I would advise you to paint the entire painted surface (front & back as needed) with a coat of glaze medium. This means you would have to remove the taped area, apply the glaze and once completely dry, re-tape that edge off so we can complete the next step in class.

DecoAmericana colors needed to complete the project in class:

#333 Aqua Sky	#064 Burnt Umber	#305 Whispering Turquoise
#09 Antique Gold	#168 Golden Straw	# 175 Plum
#113 Plantation Pine	#242 Fawn	#03 Buttermilk
#259 Cocoa	#174 Milk Chocolate	#061 Sable Brown
#130 Raw Umber	#195 Bittersweet Chocolate	#115 Soft Black

Americana Dazzling Metallics – Worn Penny (or any metallic coppery color you have)

You will also need to bring to class the following: your favorite brushes including a small dry brush and a good medium liner brush (a brush to achieve a line approximately 1/8" or a bit wider). Dark and light transfer paper. Plus, your regular painting supplies as needed.

Should you have any questions prior to class, please do not hesitate to contact me. - Julie

