

Some Like It Hot!

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My Other creative space is my kitchen, I love to cook! I also love to try anything new, and I recently made Salsa Verde and Ohh my goodness was it good.. Fresh and tangy with a nice bite of heat from the peppers, it was so good it was worth painting!! Here it is , a couple of Sassy and spicy Tags to hang on your hot sauce bottles!! Enjoy!

**All you need:**  
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2 x double scroll Tag

**DecoArt Americana**

Lamp Black, Warm White, Sea Breeze, Neon Green, Neon Orange and Neon Yellow Glamour Dust paints, Asphaltum, Soft Black, Antique Green, Red Alert, Sea Breeze, margarita, Satin Spray, Texture paste

**Dynasty Faux Squirrel 1827/ Black Gold Brushes**  
1/2angle shader, #4 Round, #2 Rigger

**To begin:**

Base coat the Tags Lamp Black

**Stencil Detail.**

Position the stencil on the upper portion of the tag. Using margarita, Sea Breeze, and Red Alert and a dry stencil brush, apply colour to each check separately, each with a different colour, ( use the dirty stencil brush and start with the Margarita.) Let dry thoroughly. When completely dry, sand the checked area in vertical strokes only with a medium coarse sandpaper, just enough to have some of the black show through as scratches. Wipe dust away.

**The Peppers:**

Base the peppers, One with Antique green, One Red Alert and One Margarita. Mix Texture paste with Red Alert, Then apply the mixture using a round or a filbert brush, to create a little surface texture, primarily to the left side of the pepper. Let dry well. Repeat with the green and the Margarita. Apply highlights to the left side of each pepper with layers of Glamour dust paints. Neon Orange for the Red Alert, Neon Yellow for the Margarita, and Neon Green for the Antique green. Shade the peppers with floats of Soft black until the shadows nearly blend into the Black background. Let dry well. If you want to punch up the highlights do it with a dry brush of warm white and only in small amounts. The leaves and stems are stroked in using a dirty brush loaded with Antique Green and Plantation Pine.. Shade in behind the Peppers and over the Checks with a wide float of Soft black. Let dry.



**The Lettering:**

Use the rigger to paint the Lettering with thinned Red Alert. Shade on the background inside and on the right side of each letter with a weak float of Asphaltum. Apply a thin line of Sea Breeze to the left side of each letter for a slight highlight.

Apply a thin Gold border to the edges of the tag using a Krylon Gold Leaf pen. Distress it slightly with Medium Sandpaper.

**Finishing up:**

Apply two to three light coats of Decoarts Matt or Satin Spray to seal. Attach a jump ring to either end of a 5 inch length of chain. Attach the jump rings to the holes in the upper corners of the tag, and hang around the neck of your favorite Hot Sauce!!