

“Signs of Summer”

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PALETTE: DecoArt Americana

Black Green
Blue Haven
Burnt Umber
Buttermilk
Coral Blush

Hauser Medium Green
Heritage Brick
Lamp Black
Milk Chocolate
Mustard Seed

Olive Green
Russet
Titanium White
Williamsburg Blue
Yellow Ochre

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES

Tracing Paper
Transfer (Graphite) Paper
Sandpaper (Medium & Fine Grit)
DecoArt Multi-Purpose Sealer
DecoArt Matte Spray Finisher/Sealer

PREPARATION

Sand wood surface until smooth, first with medium then fine grit sandpaper. Wipe away any remaining dust. With DecoArt Multi-Purpose Sealer, seal your wood. Let dry. Sand again lightly with the fine grit sandpaper until smooth. Transfer your main line drawing onto your surface.

PAINTING INSTRUCTIONS

Sky/Background: Base with Blue Haven. Shade around the edge of the surface and behind the birdhouse with Williamsburg Blue. With Titanium White, paint the clouds using a “C” stroke and mopping to soften. You can go back in and strengthen the clouds with stronger floats of Titanium White to brighten in areas.

Birdhouse: Base the birdhouse and the chimney with a (1:1) mix. Mix (1) part Yellow Ochre and (1) part Buttermilk. Shade under the roof and around the outside edge with Milk Chocolate. Shade the chimney with Burnt Umber. Paint a thin highlight line down the left side of the chimney with Titanium White. Shade the sky/background along the underside of the smoke curl with Williamsburg Blue. Paint the smoke curl with Titanium White. Thin the Milk Chocolate paint with water to an ink-like consistency and paint the thin wood grain strokes on the birdhouse. Transfer the round birdhouse openings. Paint the inside of the openings with Milk Chocolate. Shade the left side of the openings with Burnt Umber. Paint a thin highlight stroke on the right sides of the openings with Titanium White. Dot the perches with Lamp Black. Paint the twig roof and the twig landing at the bottom with Burnt Umber. With Yellow Ochre, paint a thin highlight line along the top of the twigs.

Leaves, Stems, & Vines: Base the leaves with Hauser Medium Green. Shade along the bottom of the leaves with a brush mix of Black Green and a little bit of the Hauser Medium Green. Highlight the lighter sides of the leaves with a brush mix of Olive Green and a little bit of Yellow Ochre. Paint the vines, stems, and the center veins on the leaves with a brush mix of Black Green and a little bit of Hauser Medium Green.

Flowers: Base the centers with Coral Blush. Shade along the bottoms of the centers with Heritage Brick. Deepen the shading with Russet. Highlight along the tops of the centers with a brush mix of Titanium White and a little bit of Coral Blush. Dot the tops of the flowers with Titanium White. Base the petals with Buttermilk. Highlight along the ends of the petals with Titanium White. Thin the Milk Chocolate paint with water to ink-like consistency and paint the thin fine lines on the petals.

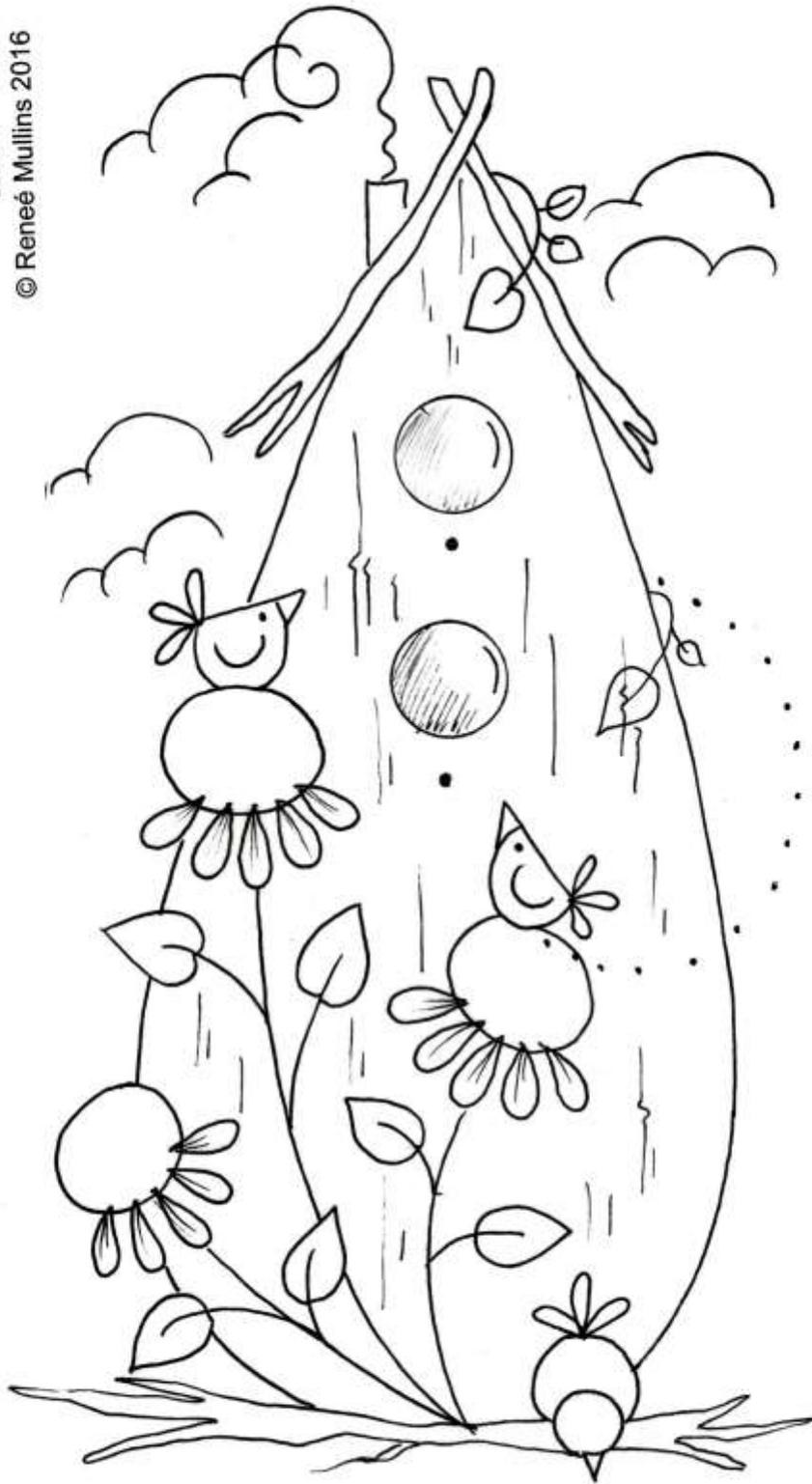
Birds: Shade the birdhouse under the birds with Milk Chocolate. Paint the beaks with Mustard Seed. Paint a thin highlight line along the top of the beaks with Titanium White. Base the bodies with Lamp Black. Highlight the wings on the top two birds, and highlight the top of the head and the top of the body on the lower bird with a brush mix of Lamp Black and a little bit of Titanium White. Dot the eyes with Titanium White. Dot the flight path of the bird on the right with lamp black.

FINISHING

Spray with several light coats of DecoArt Matte Spray Finisher/Sealer or Varnish.

FREE PATTERN: Not to be printed and sold.

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