



**“USA
faith-hope-love-peace
Thank You”**

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designed exclusively for

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**Tolepainters Reaching Overseas with Ornaments
Prayers and Support**

Surface:

Heart Gift Tag
\$0.75 from Via Von's
<http://www.viavon.com>

Palette:

Jansen Art Traditions Paints

- Naphthol Red
- Phthalo Blue
- Titanium White
- Light Grey Value 8
- Brown Madder
- Carbon Black

Additional Supplies:

- Fini
- Final Coat Low Gloss
- Sanding Paper #600
- Tack Cloth
- Pencil or Stylus
- Tracing Paper
- Q-Tip
- Sharpie Permanent Markers Fine Point in Black and Navy Blue

Brushes:

Scharff Golden Taklon "Syn-Sable" Series 155 Angle 1/4"
Scharff Golden Taklon "Syn-Sable" Series 155 Angle 1/2"
Scharff Golden Taklon "Syn-Sable" Series 455 Dresden Liner #1
Scharff Golden Taklon "Syn-Sable" Series 455 Dresden Liner #20/0

Basic Instructions:

Prepare your piece by sanding the bare wood with the sandpaper, removing any burrs or bits and rough edges. Remove the dust with your tack cloth.

Seal your wood with Final Coat Low Gloss

Sand gently again with the sand paper and remove any dust with your tack cloth.

Using your #1/2" angle brush and Naphthol Red, basecoat both sides of your piece. Let this dry thoroughly.

You will use your 1/2" Angle brush to paint the white and blue center boxes.

You will use your 1/4" Angle brush for the red heart, the 4 blue corner boxes and the black shading underneath the heart.

You will use your #1 Liner brush for the text "U S A" and "Thank You".

You will use your #20/0 Liner brush to paint the star and to paint all of the detailing line work, the hard outline drop shadow around the boxes, as well as all shading and highlighting.

You will use your Black Sharpie Permanent Marker for the text drop-shadow and your Navy Blue Sharpie Permanent Marker for the words "faith, hope, love and peace".

Take a few moments along the way as needed to allow your piece to dry before moving on to the next step.

Let's Begin!

1. Lay the tracing paper and pattern on the wood piece. With your pencil, copy the pattern's outlines to transfer it to your wood piece.
2. Using the 1/2" Angle brush and Titanium White, paint the white box. Let this dry thoroughly.
3. Using the 1/2" Angle brush and Phthalo Blue, paint the blue box.
4. Using the 1/4" Angle brush and Phthalo Blue, paint all 4 blue corner boxes.
5. Using the 1/4" Angle brush and Naphthol Red, paint the red heart.
6. Using the #1 Liner brush and Titanium White paint the text words "U S A" and "Thank You".
7. Using the #20/0 Liner brush and Titanium White, paint the center star and the star-like line-work around the tag's hole at the very top of the piece (above the USA text).
8. Using the #20/0 Liner and Naphthol Red, paint the red outline around the center blue box.
9. Using your 1/4" Angle brush dipped in Fini and using just the tip loaded with Brown Madder, float to create the 3-D effect around all 4 sides of the white box.
10. Using the #20/0 Liner and Phthalo Blue paint the center blue star inside of the white star. While this blue star is still slightly wet, take a damp q-tip and press it lightly into the center of the blue star to create the circular highlight.
11. Using Fini and a side load of Carbon Black on your 1/4" Angle brush, float the drop shadow under the heart (this is hard to see in the photo but start at the bottom of the heart and taper your float up to the widest part of the heart sides so that it ends there at each side).
12. Create your 3-D effects around the blue box by using Fini and Light Grey Value 8 on your 20/0 Liner and painting along the outside edge of the red trim and under the bottoms only of each of the 4 corner blue boxes. Then paint a very light highlight just along the inside top of each of the blue boxes. Then paint a very light line shading under the two right arms and bottom legs of the center white star.
13. Using Fini and Brown Madder on your 20/0 Liner, paint the 3-D effect on the heart all around the edge of the heart.
14. Using Fini and Titanium White on your 20/0 Liner, finish the 3-D effect on the heart by painting a very thin line in a dash method in the center of the shading effect you just did with the Brown Madder.
15. Using your Black Sharpie Fine Point Permanent Marker, draw in the drop shadow under the text words "USA" and "Thank You". (See photo for placement.) Repeat this step as needed for desired coverage.
16. Using your Navy Blue Fine Point Sharpie Permanent Marker, write in the words "faith" "hope" "love" and "peace". Repeat this step as needed for desired coverage.

Sign your work!

When your piece is thoroughly dry, erase any visible tracing lines remaining.

Then, protect and finish your piece with several coats of Final Coat, following the instructions provided on the bottle's label.

THAT'S IT -- YOU'RE DONE!

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