



“USA”

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designed exclusively for

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Tolepainters Reaching Overseas with Ornaments
Prayers and Support

Surface:

Blank Gift Tag
\$0.60 from Via Von's
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Palette:

Jansen Art Traditions Paints

- Naphthol Red
- Phthalo Blue
- Titanium White
- Light Grey Value 8
- Brown Madder
- Dioxazine Purple

Additional Supplies:

- Fini
- Final Coat Low Gloss
- Sanding Paper #600
- Tack Cloth
- Pencil or Stylus
- Tracing Paper

Brushes:

Scharff Golden Taklon "Syn-Sable" Series 155 Angle 1/2"
Scharff Golden Taklon "Syn-Sable" Series 155 Angle 1/8"
Scharff Golden Taklon "Syn-Sable" Series 455 Dresden Liner #1
Scharff Golden Taklon "Syn-Sable" Series 455 Dresden Liner #20/0
Optional: Painters Pens Fine Tip in colours: Red, White & Blue

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 Titanium White, basecoat both sides of your piece. Let this dry thoroughly.

You will use your #1 Liner brush for the edging trim colours, the star and heart flags and the text "U S A".

You will use your #20/0 Liner brush for the white stars on the star and heart flags and for all shading and highlighting on the star, heart and text.

You will use your 1/8" Angle brush for the shading underneath the star, heart and text.

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

Optional: Painters Pens (Fine Tip) in colours: Red, White & Blue may be used for painting all of the pattern details on this piece making it a very quick and easy project for children as well. (The piece does not have to have the shadows and highlights to make it special when it's been done by a child for a parent or other loved one!)

Let's Begin!

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.

Using the #1 Liner and Phthalo Blue, paint the outside striping along the edge of the wood piece.

Using the #1 Liner and Naphthol Red, paint the inside striping next to the Blue striped edging.

Using the #1 Liner, paint the star's and heart's blue flag portion with Phthalo Blue

Using the #1 Liner, paint the star's and heart's flag stripe portions with Naphthol Red (the basecoat's Titanium White doesn't need to be repeated for these white stripes but feel free to do them again if you wish.). Refer to the photo for striping placement.

Using the #1 Liner and Naphthol Red, paint the text "U S A".

Dress your brush in Fini (dip and press on your paper towel to remove excess) and double-load your 1/8" Angle with Titanium White on the heel and Light Grey Value 8 on the tip of the angle bristles -- then float the drop shadows under the star, heart and text. *[You could have a bit more fun with this step and paint a drop shadow inside around the entire edging too – place it right next to the red stripe on the top and right sides!]*

Using Fini and Dioxazine Purple on your #20/0 Liner, paint the 3-D effect shading on the star and heart by following around the edges of the blue flag portions only.

Using Fini and Light Grey Value 8 on your 20/0 Liner, paint the 3-D effect shading on the star and heart by following around the edges on the white stripes only.

Using Fini and Brown Madder on your 20/0 Liner, paint the 3-D effect on the star and heart by following around the edges on the red stripes only.

Using Fini and Brown Madder on your 20/0 Liner, paint the 3-D effect on the USA text by shading the bottoms and left sides of the text lines. Refer to the photo for placement as needed.

Using Fini and Titanium White plus a toothpick dab of Naphthol Red mix on your 20/0 Liner, paint the 3-D effect on the USA text by adding the highlights on the right sides of the text lines. Refer to the photo for placement as needed.

Using Fini and Titanium White plus a toothpick dab of Naphthol Red mix on your 20/0 Liner, add a few highlights on the edges of the red stripes of the star and heart flags. Refer to the photo for placement as needed.

Using Fini and Titanium White plus a toothpick dab of Phthalo Blue mix on your 20/0 Liner, add a few highlights on the edges of the blue portions of the star and heart flags. Refer to the photo for placement as needed.

Using Fini and Titanium White, paint in the white stars on both the star and heart flags.

And finally, you'll create the *asterisk* blue star that twinkles off the USA text by using your 20/0 Liner and Phthalo Blue to draw the lines. Let that dry thoroughly.

Using Fini and Light Grey Value 8 on your 20/0 Liner – paint the drop shadow beneath the asterisk-star. [If you accidentally paint over any part of the original blue lines during this stage like I did ... *sigh* ... just paint them back in! lol]

Using Fini and Titanium White plus a toothpick dab of Phthalo Blue mix on your 20/0 Liner, add a few highlights by starting in the center of the asterisk-star and painting very light and short strokes outward. Do not go all the way to the ends of the asterisk-star. Refer to the photo for placement as needed.

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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