

Holly Heart

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Just Fine Designs

Surface and Source:

Hobby Lobby

"Woodpile"

Plywood Rectangles

Package of 8

5.35" x 2.6"

Only \$2.99

Special Supplies:

Piece of Dry Wall Tape for
Stenciling background

Wire for Hanger

Ribbon for bow

Palette:

DecoArt Americana

Acrylics

Black Green

Blue Haven

Cinnamon Drop

Deep Burgundy

Forest Green

Irish Moss

Titanium (Snow) White

Uniform Blue

Warm White

Brushes I Used:

16 Flat, 12 Flat, 2 Round, 1 Liner,
10/0 Liner, Brush for Dry
brushing



Background: Paint the rectangle with Blue Haven. Using the dry wall tape as your stencil, add the small checks to the background with Warm White.

Let dry and then apply the pattern for the Candy Canes. Float shading, on the background, around the candy canes, inside and out, with Blue Haven plus a touch of Uniform Blue.

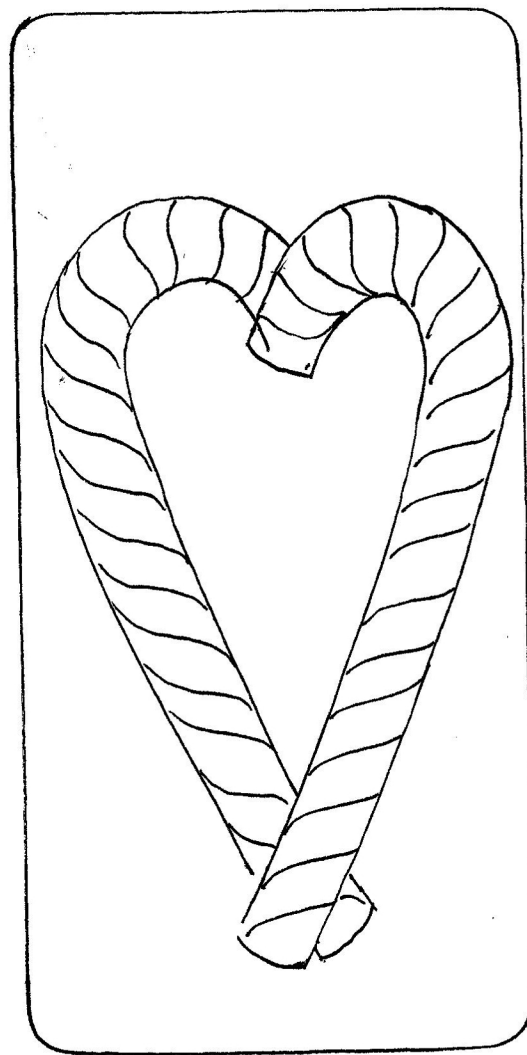
Candy Canes: Paint with Warm White. Paint the stripes with Cinnamon Drop.

Dry brush highlighting through the center of the candy canes, through all stripes, with Titanium (Snow) White.

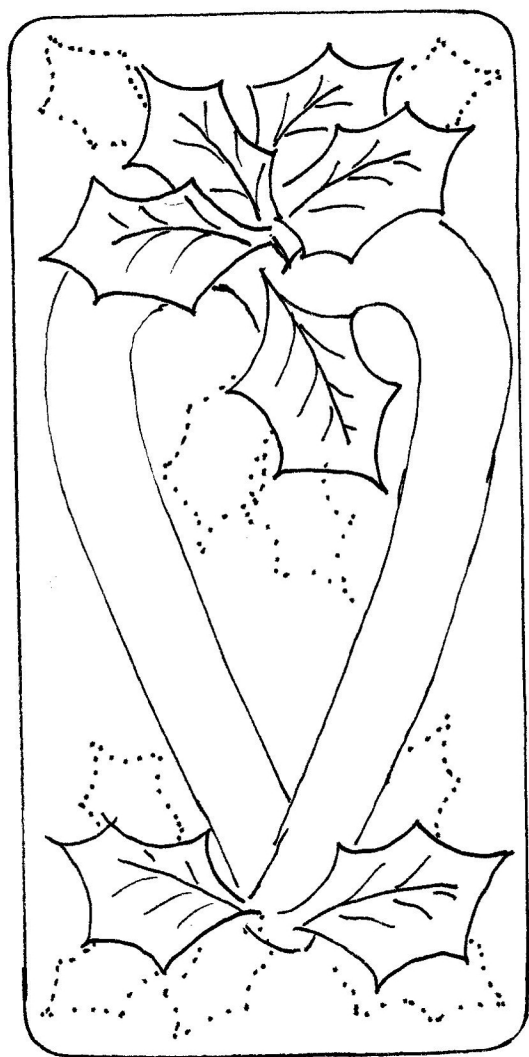
Float shading on all sides of the candy canes, across all stripes, and to separate the canes, with Deep Burgundy. Float shading again with very well blended out Uniform Blue. This should be very soft, just adding a tint of blue to the candy canes.

Dry brush the highlighting once again with Titanium White. Line a more definite highlight with thinned Titanium White.

Apply the pattern for the Holly Leaves.



Line drawing for Candy Canes



Line drawing for Holly
Leaves.
Dotted lines are for
shadow leaves.

Shadow Holly Leaves: (Dotted pattern)
Float these on with Irish Moss.

Holly Leaves: Paint with Forest Green.

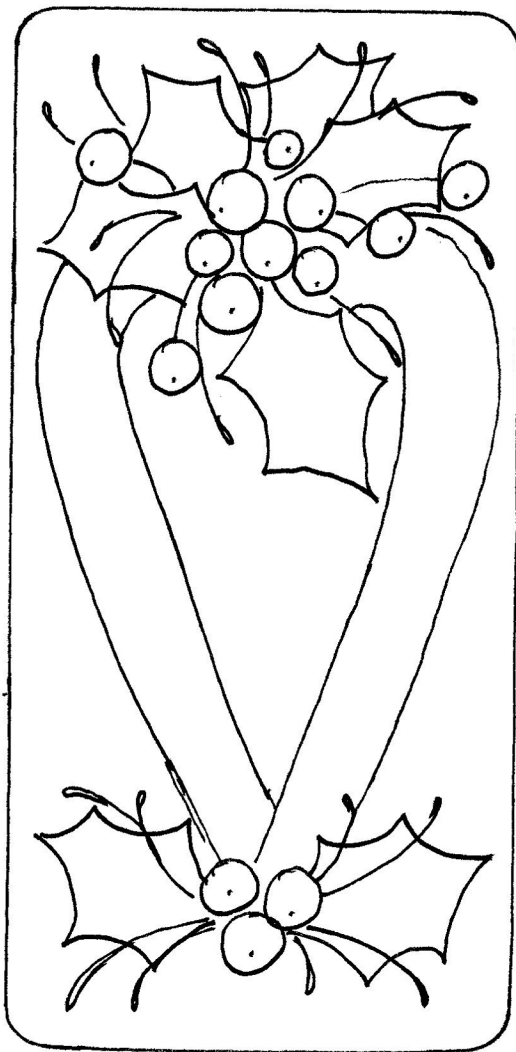
Float highlighting on the top edge and
above the center vein line with Irish Moss.

Float shading on the bottom edge and
below the center vein line with Black
Green.

Dry brush some highlighting on both sides
(top and bottom) of the center vein line
with Irish Moss.

Lightly line the vein lines with thinned
Black Green.

Apply the pattern for the berries



Line drawing for Berries and accent stroke placement.

Berries: Paint with Cinnamon Drop.

Float highlighting with Cinnamon Drop plus Titanium White.

Float shading with Deep Burgundy.

Add a highlight dot with Titanium White.

Add a dot of Black Green to the end of each berry.

Reflective Shadow: Float very well blended out Blue Haven on the lower edge of each leaf (on top of the shading) and on the bottom of each berry (on top of the previous shading). Float this also on the outside edge of each candy cane. Remember, keep it soft and light.

Accent Strokes and Dots: Add the little accent strokes with thinned Black Green. The tiny dots around the berry clusters are Titanium White.

Border: Line with thinned Black Green.

Finishing Touches: Let everything dry and then varnish with a couple of coats of your favorite spray varnish. Drill holes in the top corners. Add a wire hanger and tie a red ribbon to it.

This would make a addition to any gift or would make a great gift for a teacher, mail carrier, hair dresser or who ever you want to bless with your creative talent for the holidays. Enjoy!!