

Hand in Hand Friendship Pin

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This design was inspired by a pin exchange organized on the Tole Friends e-mail list after the sad events of September 11th. As I sat thinking about what to paint for my special partner, I decided that "if a friend is hurting, it helps us both to hold each other's hand."

Surface

I have painted on an oval wood shape. You might also consider cutting the shape from Kreative Kanvas or heavy water colour paper.

Paint

DecoArt Americana
Uniform Blue Napa Red Lt. Buttermilk
Dusty Rose Mink Tan Soft Black
Antique Rose Dark Chocolate Payne's
Grey
Graphite

Brushes

#14 Shader
#2 round
Liner brush

Prepare according to the surface you are using and transfer the pattern. Base coat the design as follows.

Background Mink Tan
Blue areas Uniform Blue
Red areas Napa Red
Flesh areas Dusty Rose
Shoes Soft Black

Detail the faces by dotting the eyes with Soft Black, painting the cheeks Antique Rose and the mouths Dark Chocolate. Use the liner to paint squiggly curls on one little girl with Soft Black and the other with Dark Chocolate. Put a tiny dot in each eye with Lt. Buttermilk. Float shading around each chin and on the hands and feet with Dark Chocolate.

Paint the Union Jack part of the little Aussie with Lt. Buttermilk making sure you break the lines a little to show the difference between the body and the arms. Then paint in the red lines down the center of the white lines with Napa Red.

Use the liner to draw in the stars with Light Buttermilk except for the large star. That is painted in solidly.

Float shading to separate arms and body on the blue areas with Payne's Grey. Float shading on the white parts with Graphite. Using Buttermilk and the shader, paint a flip float or back-to-back float down the centre of the dress and each of the arms that are holding hands. To do this, paint a vertical float with the side of the brush that is carrying the paint towards the centre. Then flip the brush over and paint another float with the paint side of the brush running along (and joined to) the first float. If this is difficult then a little dry brushing in the same area would look nice.

Attach a pin to the back with white wood glue. I glue the pin before I paint the back for better adhesion. Expanding on the design I can definitely see a little Canadian with a maple leaf dress, or for a simple friendship gift, the girls could be dressed in plaid, checks or spots.

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