

Wild Strawberries Project

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Materials:

DecoArt Artist Acrylic Paint:

Emperors Gold
Champagne Gold
Lamp (Ebony) Black
Primary Red

Also required are:

Base coating brush
#5/0 Liner brush
#1 Round brush
Stylus.

Painting the Design:

Prepare your wood as usual then basecoat with Emperors Gold. Sand lightly and basecoat again. Transfer the pattern lightly. I like to rub chalk on the back of the pattern and transfer that way or you could use Chaco paper. If you use fresh graphite it is sometimes hard to remove the pattern lines and you can spoil the metallic surface.

Outline the strawberries, flowers and stems with black. The outlining of the leaves is done in a different way. Paint a row of black commas down the sides of each part of the leaf. The heads of the commas will disappear into the black background and the tails will form the serrated edge of the leaf. See illustration.

Use black to paint a line around the edge of the circle leaving a gold border and then use black to fill in between all the elements allowing the strawberries, stems, leaves and flowers to remain gold. Block in two of each group of strawberries with red (see the picture) then, using the stylus, apply rows of red dots on the gold strawberries and rows of gold dots on the red strawberries.

With black and the liner pull vein lines in the leaves and tiny vein lines in the flower petals.

Mix Champagne Gold + Emperors Gold 2:1 and with the liner paint the curls and strokes on the black background. With the same colour paint a small calyx on each strawberry and a dot where the stem meets the fruit. The dots on the leaves and in the centers of the flowers are also painted with the Champagne Gold, Emperors Gold mix. The dots along the stems are red.

To get a row of dots that diminish in size dip the handle end of a brush or a stylus into paint and make a row of dots without adding more paint. As the load of paint is used from the "tool" The dots will become smaller.

Khokhloma has a gloss finish.

Enjoy.