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An Original Pattern With Complete Instructions

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Introduction

This cute little snowman is part of the Gift Tag Simple Segmentation Set (SLD226). I wanted to offer this ornament so that you can try segmentation if you haven't already and see how fun and easy the process is. You can either paint or stain the pieces and you will have great results. The tags make great gifts and will be wonderful keepsakes to any recipient.

Materials and Supplies

- One piece of wood (Ash was used in the example) 3" x 4" x 1/8" thick for the tag
- One piece of wood (Maple was used in the example) 2" x 2" x 1/8" thick for the segmented pieces
- Scroll saw blades – size 2 reverse-tooth
- Temporary adhesive spray glue
- Clear packaging tape (2")
- Drill press and bits in the following sizes: 1/4", 3/16 and 1/16" (I recommend brad-point drill bits for more accurate drilling)
- Dowel rods in the following sizes: 1/4" and 3/16"
- Round wooden toothpicks
- Hand-held orbital sander and various grits (120-400) of sandpaper
- DecoArt Americana Acrylic Spray Sealer/Finisher (DAS13) in Matte Finish
- Clear-drying wood glue or clear silicone sealer
- Double faced tape
- Tweezers
- Dremel variable speed rotary tool and various grits of sanding drums
- DecoArt Americana Acrylic Paints: Burnt Orange, Lamp Black, Victorian Blue, Spice Pink and Warm White
- DecoArt Americana Acrylic Spray Sealer/Finisher (DAS13) in Matte Finish
- Ribbon for hanging your tag

Procedure

-Make photocopies of the original patterns and keep them for future reference. Patterns may be reproduced for the purpose of making the project – not for resale purposes. Finished items that are made by hand may be sold for profit, but not mechanically manufactured. Credit to the designer is encouraged.

Preparing the Wood

- Plane your board to 1/8" thick.
- Beginning with 120 grit sandpaper, sand both sides of your wood with your hand-held orbital

sander to remove the planer marks and smooth out the wood.

- Graduate to 220 grit sandpaper to make your wood smoother.

- Use the soft brush attachment of your vacuum and vacuum all the dust from your piece of wood.

- Apply the pattern pieces to the wood by lightly spraying the back of your pattern pieces with a misting of temporary spray adhesive. Allow the spray to tack up for a couple of seconds until it feels sticky like masking tape and apply the pattern to your wood pieces, being aware of the direction of the grain.

- Place a layer of clear packaging tape over the entire surface of the design to help prevent the wood from burning.

- Use the 3/16" drill bit to drill out the cheek, the 1/4" bit to drill out the hole in the tag and the 1/16" bit to drill out the eyes.

Cutting

- Cut out the tags using the #2 reverse-tooth scroll saw blade.

- Place a piece of double-sided carpet tape on a piece of scrap wood and place each piece on the tape as you cut to reassemble the snowman.

- Proceed to cut out the designs, using the #2 reverse-tooth scroll saw blade and reassembling the design as you cut. It is easiest if you cut the smaller pieces out first and leave the waste area in place to hold on to. The use of a zero clearance scroll saw table is very helpful when cutting small pieces such as this. There is a short article available for free download on my site at

www.sheilalandrydesigns.com which explains how you can make one very inexpensively.

Shaping

- Use the fine grit drum on your Dremel tool and shape and round over the edges of each piece. Take your time and have fun with the shaping process. You may want the hat band be a bit thinner than the rest of the hat. This is where you get to be creative.

- If you are having trouble holding the small pieces, attach them to the end of a popsicle stick or scrap piece of wood with double-sided tape. This will help you hold them without sanding your fingers or dropping them.

- For the small pieces that I used toothpicks and dowel rods for, such as the eyes and cheek, I first shaped the end of the toothpick or dowel rod, and then cut the shaped end off. I found for these pieces, it was easier to hand-sand them instead of using the Dremel. The toothpicks were very easy to cut with wire cutters instead of using the scroll saw.

- When all the pieces were done being shaped, I hand-sanded everything to give them a nice smooth surface. This takes a bit of time, but the end result is well worth it.

Coloring the Pieces

- Once all the pieces are shaped, they are ready to be painted or stained. For this beginner piece, I used DecoArt Americana acrylic paints thinned down to a wash. You may use other similar acrylic colors that you have on hand or use environmentally-safe SamaN stains (available at <http://www.dtepestore.com/woodstainandsealer.aspx>). For this piece, I just used the DecoArt colors because they are easy to find and inexpensive, yet work great.

- Wash the pieces using thinned DecoArt acrylics and the following colors:

- Wash the snowman's head with Warm White.

- Wash the cheek piece in Spice Pink.

- Wash the nose with Burnt Orange.
- Wash the hat band and scarf in Victorian Blue.
- Wash the hat and toothpick eyes in Lamp Black.

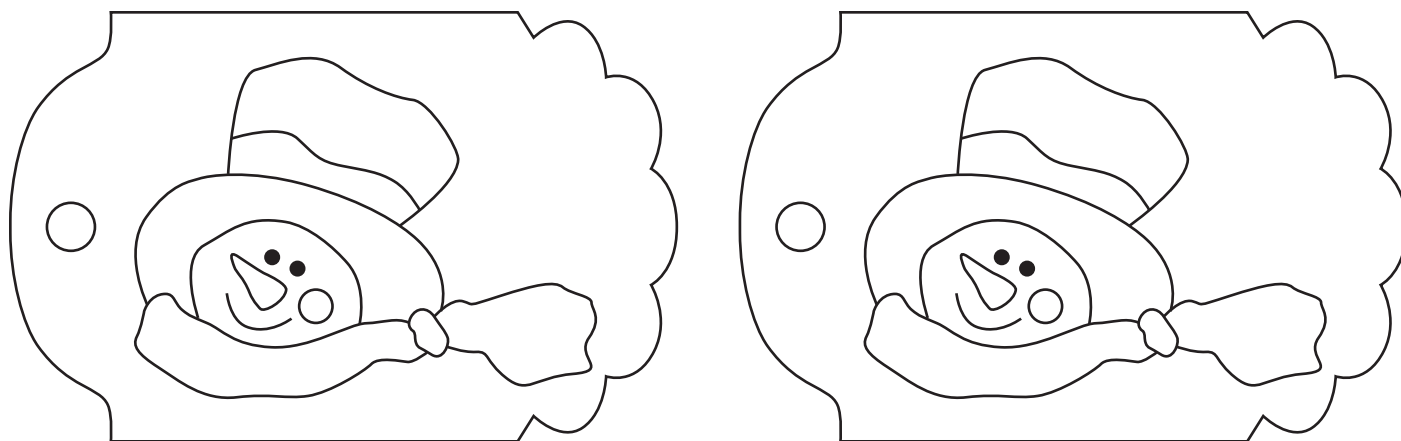
-Allow the pieces to dry thoroughly before proceeding.

Finishing and Assembly

- The use of tweezers is quite helpful in assembly.
- I like using clear silicone sealer to glue the pieces onto the tags because it has a bit of body and with its gel-like consistency, it allows you to move the pieces a bit to place them but grips them better than using wood glue.
- I also found it easier to place a dot of glue the size of a pea on the pallet and dip the smaller pieces into the glue.
- Reassemble the design on the tag, gluing each element into place and allow them to dry thoroughly.

Finishing

- When everything is completely dry, apply several coats of spray varnish in the finish of your choice. I used DecoArt Americana Acrylic Spray Sealer/Finisher (DAS13) in Matte Finish, but you could also use gloss.
- Allow everything to dry thoroughly.
- Wrap your ribbon around a CD case or DVD box and cut it to size.
- Attach ribbon through hanger holes.



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