

Snowman Mini Wreath

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SUPPLIES

- 5-6" Bottle gourd
- QuikWood® for nose
- 8" mini wreath
- Mini garland for head wreath
- Piece of fleece for the scarf
- 1/4" ribbon for the tiny snowman scarf
- Aileen's Glitter Snow (Amazon)
- Piece of a plastic icicle

PALETTE

Folkart Acrylics

- Linen
- Licorice
- Buttermilk

Americana Acrylics

- Canyon Orange

JoSonja Acrylics

- Raw Umber
- Naphthol Red Light

BRUSHES

- #2 Round
- 3/8" Angle
- 1/4" Stencil brushes

OTHER SUPPLIES

- Pattern (on page 3)
- Sea sponge
- Hot glue gun
- Hairdryer
- Wire
- Fairy lights (Amazon)
- Krylon 1311 Matte finishing spray



Preparation of the Gourd

1. Referring to pattern, cut the heart-shaped opening with mini snowman along the side. Sand the cut edges smooth.
2. Clean out the paper and seeds from the inside of the gourd, Sand/scrape to make it as clean as possible.
3. Paint and seal the inside with black paint (I add Elmer's Glue to the black paint to make painting and sealing a single step). Let dry.
4. Mix a small amount of QuikWood until uniform and then shape into carrot shape a push onto the face. Let harden.

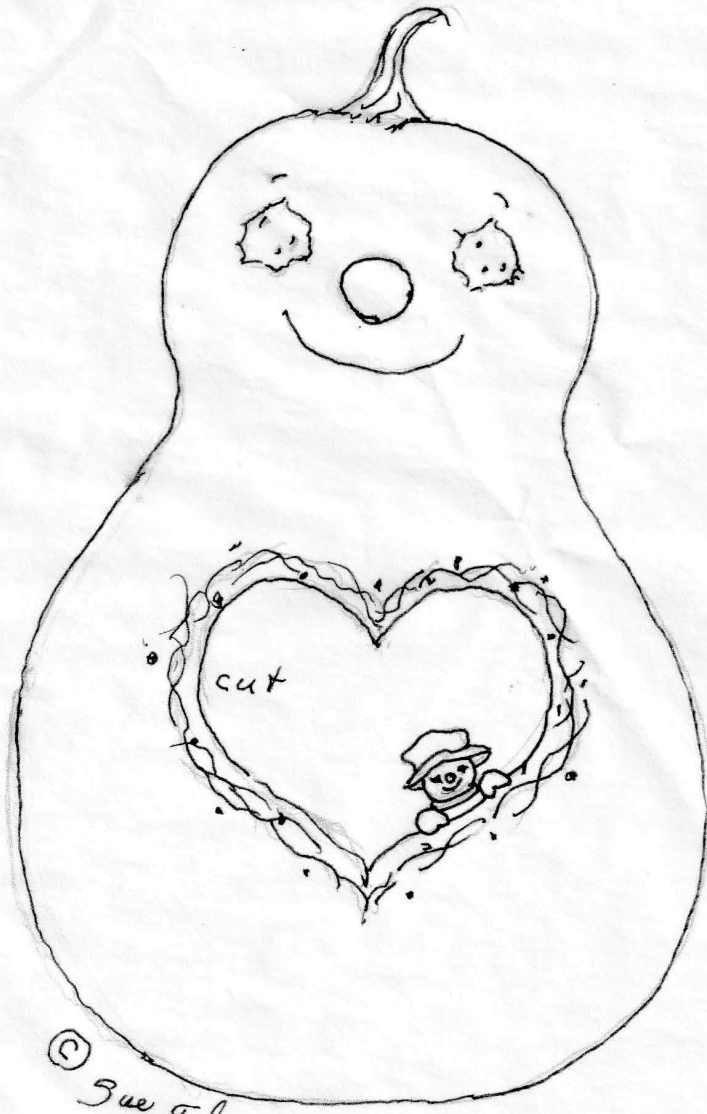
Painting Instructions

1. To base coat your gourd, use a damp sea sponge and tap on Linen over your entire gourd. Dry this really well with a hair dryer. Then transfer the pattern for both snowman faces.
2. Use thinned out Raw Umber to base all the cut edges of the heart & mini snowman.
3. Then base coat as follows
 - a. Eyes of both snowmen with Licorice
 - b. Mini snowman's hat with Licorice
 - c. Both noses with Canyon Orange
 - d. Mittens with Naphthol Red Light
4. Adding the Details (enlarge the photo to see the details)
 - a. Highlight the mini snowman's hat with floats of Buttermilk to enhance the shape of the brim and corner of the hat.
 - b. Use a small amount of Raw Umber to float around the eyes and shade the nose.
 - c. Use a liner with a small amount of Raw Umber to detail in the mouth and eye brows.
 - d. You can also use your liner with Raw Umber to add in the little twigs around the heart. Then add berries using the end of a brush with Naphthol Red Light. Finish with a light *dry* brush of Raw Umber around the heart.
 - e. To finish the eyes of the larger snowman, *dry* brush a highlight of Buttermilk in them and then using a 3/8" angle brush, float in your final highlight of Buttermilk.
 - f. Then using a *dry* brush add a blush of Naphthol Red Light on his cheeks.
 - g. Once your nose is good and dry you can take a very thinned out Raw Umber wash over the orange and gently wipe it off to create an antiqued effect, or dirty carrot nose!
 - h. Once everything is good and dry spray with Krylon 1311 Matte.

Assembly & Finishing

1. Using your hot glue gun, attach scarves to both snowmen.
2. Glue the mini garland on top of big snowman's head.
3. Use hot glue and wire to attach your snowman to the mini wreath. I drill 2 holes about 3" apart in the middle of the back and thread a length of wire through the holes and then wire it firmly to the wreath.
4. Once you have it all assembled, add some Aileen's glitter snow with the end of a brush. I put some on the snowman's head/wreath, his scarf and in places around the heart cutout area. Less is more here!
5. Put a glob of the glitter snow on your heart and carefully place your piece of icicle in the snow. Let it dry and then hang!

PATTERN



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