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Palette:
DecoArt Americana Acrylics
Aqua Sky #13610 Cocoa #13253
Espresso #13261 Orchid #13033
Oyster Beige #13549 Peacock Teal #13559
Purple Rain #13560 Soft Black #13155
Victorian Blue #13039 Warm White #13239
Watermelon Slice #13537 Whispering Turquoise #13537
Wild Orchid #13233

Surface:
Bunnies on Eggs Set of 2 #80815

Misc. Supplies:
Americana Acrylic Spray Sealer/Finisher – Matte #70836
IdentiPen – Black #70830
Soft Grip Embossing & Stylus, set of 3 #70125

Brushes:
Papillon by the Artist’s Club
Resin Brush Set #20191
Highlighter Set #20173
Stipple Set #20172
Artist Inspired Brushes
Maxine Thomas Mop, size 1/4˝ #27180; size 3/8˝ #27182; size 1/2˝ #27179

Preparation:
There is no preparation necessary. The resin comes ready to paint. Any slight imperfections can be lightly sanded, wipe with a damp cloth. Basecoat (use at least 2 coats for good coverage) as follows:
Aqua Sky – whole egg
Purple Rain – open egg
Whispering Turquoise – stipple blue egg
Orchid – stipple purple egg
Whispering Turquoise + Warm White – stipple blue egg
Orchid + Warm White – stipple purple egg
Oyster Beige – bunnies; sign; flag
Warm White – shirts (plaid & cuffs are Watermelon Slice)
Wild Orchid – sitting bunny’s overalls
Aqua Sky – bunny in egg’s overalls
Warm White – buttons on overalls
Espresso – sign handle; flagpole
Painting Instructions:

Eggs
Shade the blue egg, under the bunny and around the bottom with Peacock Teal. With a small highlighter brush, drybrush Peacock Teal randomly in several spots on the egg. With the largest stylus, place a dot of Purple Rain on the spots; when the purple dot is dry, top with a smaller dot of Watermelon Slice.
Shade the purple egg, under the bunny's hand and around the bottom with Purple Rain. With a small highlighter brush, drybrush Purple Rain randomly in several spots on the egg. With the largest stylus, place a dot of Peacock Teal on the spots; when the teal is dry, top with a smaller dot of Watermelon Slice.

Bunnies
Shade both bunnies, around the ears on the head; above the nose; under the mouth; on the paws against the sleeves & between the fingers; and on the sitting bunny, shade the feet under the cuffs; under the toes; to separate the toes; and bottom of the tail with Cocoa. Drybrush highlights on both bunnies in the open spaces on the head; top of the ears; top of the paws; and on the sitting bunny's toes, bottom of the feet; and top of the tail with Warm White.
On both bunnies, blush the cheeks; inside of the ears; and on the sitting bunny, the foot pads with Watermelon Slice. Fill in the mouths with Watermelon Slice.
The eyes are filled in with Victorian Blue. Add the pupils to the eyes and paint the nose with Soft Black. Highlight the eyes with Warm White strokes and dots. Line the mouth/muzzle line and eyebrows with Soft Black. Add a small dash highlight to the nose, bottom lip, and dots on the cheeks with Warm White.

Sign & Flag
Wash the sign & flag with a wash of Espresso. Highlight the center of the sign & flag with a dry-brush of Warm White. Shade the sign handle around the paw; and shade the flagpole under the ball; on the bottom of the ball; & above and below the paw with Soft Black. Highlight the end of the sign handle; and highlight the flagpole on the top of the ball; center; and bottom with a dry-brush of Cocoa.
Write a festive spring greeting with the IdentiPen – Black. I wrote “Hoppy” on the flag; and “Spring” on the sign.

**Shirts**
Shade the shirts around the overalls; against the cuffs; and in the creases on the arms with Watermelon Slice. Highlight the open areas on the shirts and center of the cuffs with a drybrush of Warm White.

**Overalls**
Shade the purple overalls, under the straps; above the cuffs; around the pocket; around the hand on the pocket; in all of the creases; around the tail; and on the legs where they touch the egg with Wild Orchid. Highlight the open areas; straps; top of pocket and cuffs with Warm White. Dot the holes in the buttons with Purple Rain.
Shade the blue overalls, under the straps; around the pocket and where the overalls go into the egg with Peacock Teal. Highlight the open areas; straps & top of pocket with Warm White. Dot the holes in the buttons with Peacock Teal.

**Finishing:**
Finish with several light coats of Americana Acrylic Spray Sealer/Finisher – Matte.