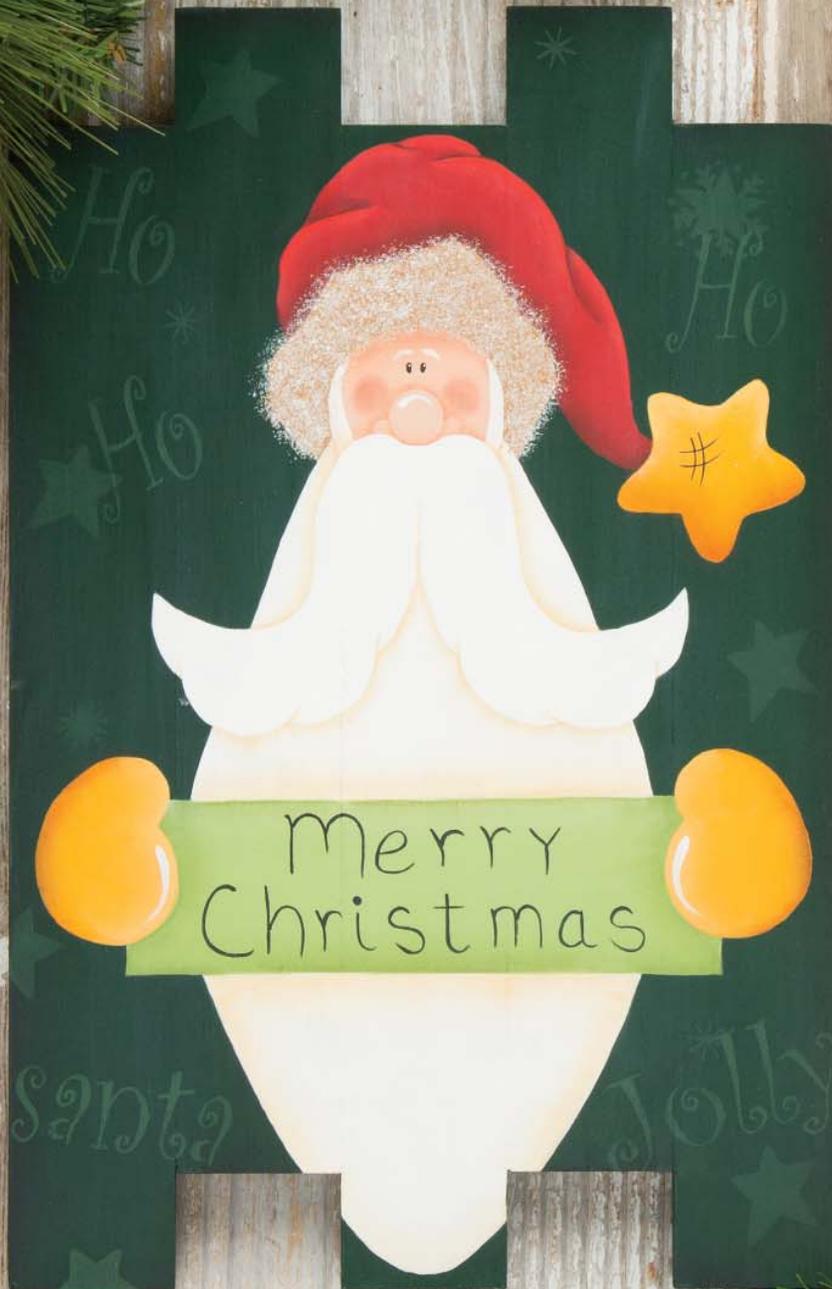


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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## PALETTE

### DecoArt Americana Acrylic Paints

Antique Maroon #13160  
Black Green #13157  
Burnt Sienna #13063  
Cadmium Yellow #13010  
Camel #13191  
Country Red #13018  
Fawn #13242  
Foliage Green #13259  
Hauser Dark Green #13133  
Hauser Medium Green #13132  
Honey Brown #13163  
Lamp Black #13067  
Light Mocha #13241  
Marigold #13194  
Oxblood #13139  
Titanium White #13001  
Warm Beige #13078

### DecoArt Neons

Fiery Red #18000

## SURFACE

Pallet Sign Board #62927

## MEDIUMS

Dura Clear Matte Varnish #87395

## MISC. SUPPLIES

Christmas Curly Words Stencil #70857  
Snowflake Background stencil #70815  
1" Star Stencil  
Old paint stick  
White Graphite Paper 18x36 #70139  
Pro Art Tracing Pad #83176  
Small Sanding Pad—Fine/Medium #70794  
Soft Grip Embossing & Stylus set of 3 #70125  
E-6000 Glue  
Scroll saw  
Q-tip

## BRUSHES

### Papillon Brushes by the Artist's Club

Glaze Wash size 1 inch #20103  
Shader size 6 #20127

Shader size 8 #20129

Shader size 10 #20130

Angular Shader size 1/4 inch #20109

Angular Shader size 3/8 inch #20110

Angular Shader size 1/2 inch #20111

Angular Shader size 1 inch #20114

Round size 2 #20158

Round size 3 #20159

5 Piece Deerfoot set #20167

## PREPARATION

Cut the paint stick down to 9", so that both ends are flat and straight. Sand board and paint stick and wipe clean. Basecoat board surface and the paint stick with Hauser Dark Green mixed with Sealer 1:1. Let dry, then sand again lightly and wipe clean. Basecoat again but using Hauser Dark Green alone (no sealer). Let dry. Shade all along the outside edge of the board with Black Green. Let dry. Transfer basic design lines (but not the lettering at this time).

Refer to photo throughout for painting and assembly. Some colors will require more than one coat to cover. Let dry between coats and steps. Use the brush size you are most comfortable with for all areas. Transfer pattern details as needed.

## PAINTING INSTRUCTIONS

### Basecoat

- Santa's Hat: Country Red
- Hat trim: Honey Brown.
- Santa's hair, moustache, beard: Titanium White.
- Mittens and Star: Marigold.
- Santa's face: Warm Beige.
- Sign: Foliage Green.

### Santa's face:

1) Very lightly transfer the pattern lines for his nose/nostrials. Using a mix of Warm Beige + Oxblood (5:1 or to a shade of your liking), shade along the top of his face closest to the hat trim and all around the lines forming his nose/nostrials.

2) Using Country Red and a Q-tip, apply his cheeks.



3) Use Lamp Black to apply his eyes.

4) Use Titanium White to apply the eyebrows, high-light mark to the nose and tiny 'dots' to the eyes.

### Hat

1) Using Antique Maroon, shade all along the edge of the hat closest to the hat trim and continue down to the star and shade in the other areas forming the bulges in the hat.

2) Highlight the hat bulges as shown with Neon: Fiery Red.

### Star

1) Shade the lower area of the star with Burnt Sienna and highlight the upper area with Cadmium Yellow.

2) Apply the detail mark with Lamp Black.

### Mittens

1) Shade the back edge of the mittens with Burnt Sienna and highlight the front edge with Cadmium Yellow.

2) Apply the highlight mark with Titanium White.

### Santa's hair, moustache and beard

1) Using Camel, very lightly shade in all the lines separating the moustache from the beard and hair; all around the outside edge of the bottom beard section and on the beard closest to the top edge of the sign.

### Hat trim

1) Stipple with Fawn.

2) Stipple again, less intense, with Light Mocha.

3) If desired, stipple one last time, even less intense, with Titanium White.

### Sign

1) Shade all around the outside edge with Hauser Medium Green.

2) Lightly transfer lettering and apply with Lamp Black.

### Background

1) Mix Hauser Dark Green + Hauser Medium Green to a color just lighter than the background (or to desired shade) Use this 'mix' and the stencils to apply the words, snowflakes and stars to the background until you are happy with the look.

### FINISHING

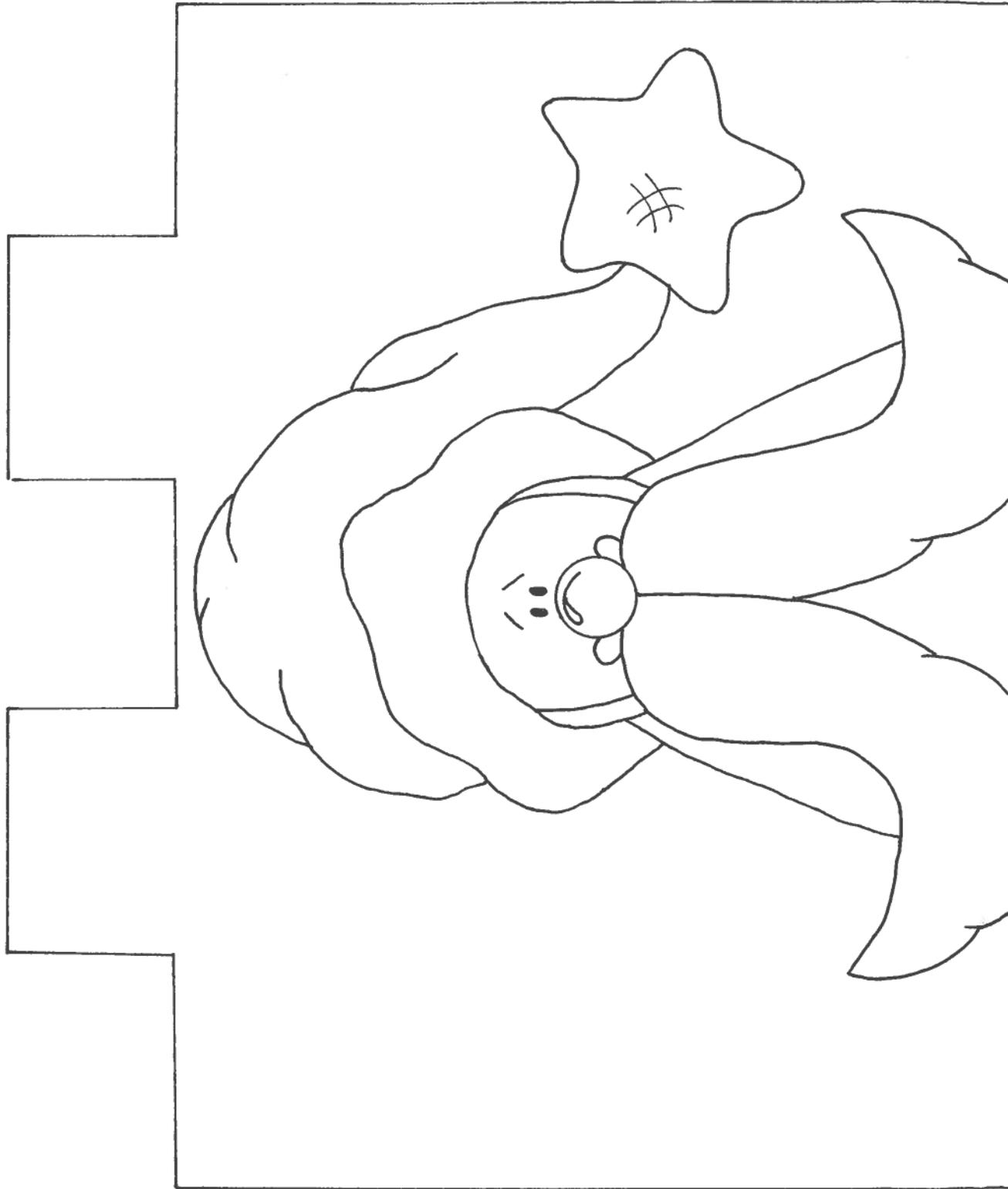
1) Erase any pattern lines still visible. Apply several light coats of matte varnish to both the board and paint stick, letting dry between coats.

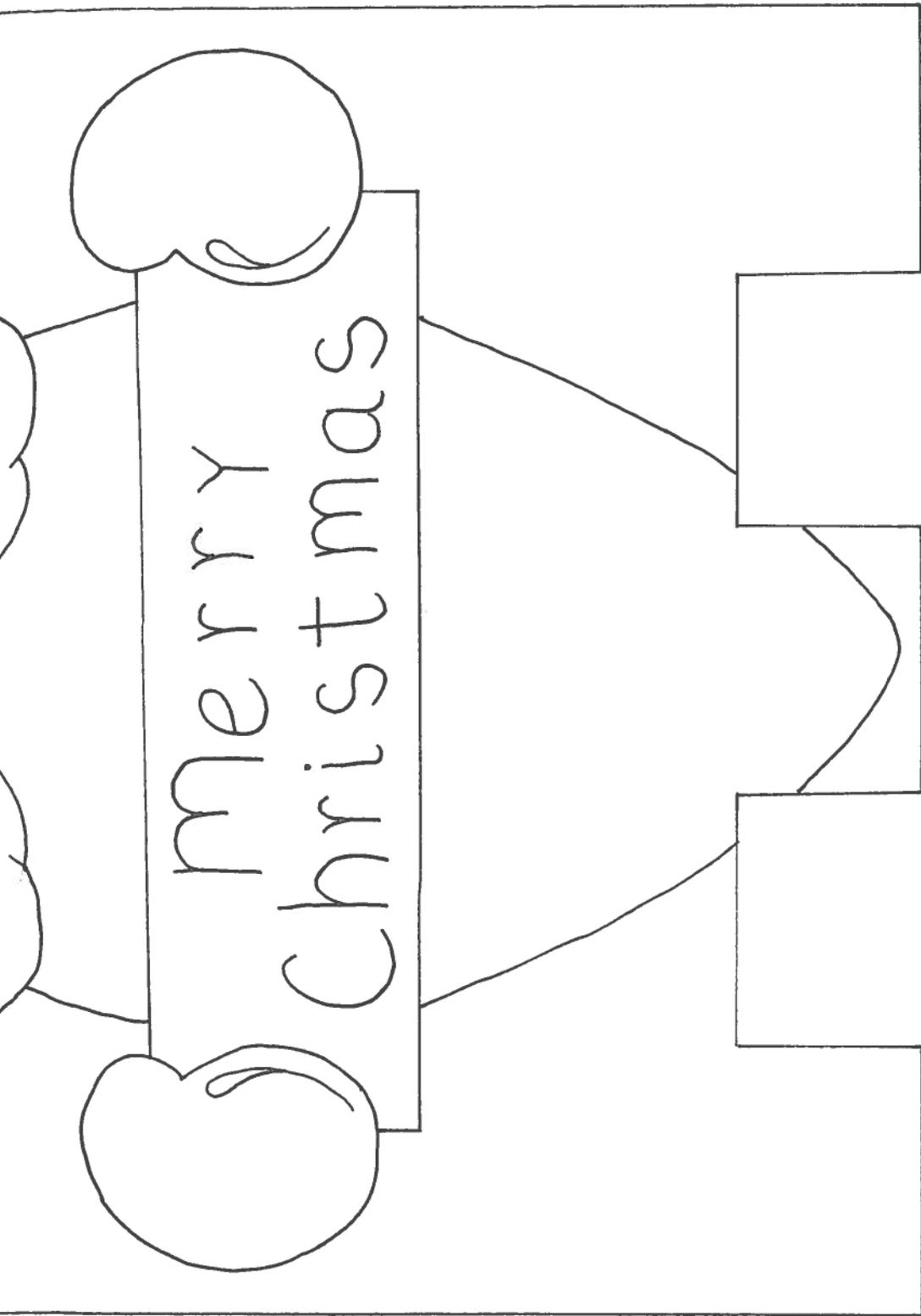
2) Glue the paint stick to the back middle of the board, under the top cross bar. Enjoy!

OPTIONS: If desired, use a separate wood half ball/plug (for Santa's nose) and a separate star overlay to give the project some 3-D elements. Paint those as you would for the items they replace. If you would rather hang the board, drill small pilot holes in the tops of the two board pieces sticking out at the top of the board. Screw in eye screws and hang with wire. Or simply drill holes in the two board pieces at the top and hang with wire. Enjoy.









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Pattern at 100%  
**1" x 1"**

To ensure your pattern is at 100%, this box should measure 1" x 1" when printed.



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