Love To Fish
by Sandra Malone

Palette:
DECO ART AMERICANA ACRYLICS
Lamp (Ebony) Black #13067
Milk Chocolate #13174
Traditional Burnt Umber #13221
Warm White #13239

Surface:
Narrow Table Top Sign #63294

Misc. Supplies:
Tracing Paper-Pad #83176
Gray Graphite Paper #70141
Soft Grip Embossing & Stylus Set of 3 #70125
Deco Art Americana Sealer/Finisher-Matte #70836

Brushes:
PAPILLON BY THE ARTISTS CLUB
Shader size 12 #20131; Size 8 #20129; size 4 #20126
Script liner size 10/0 #20137

Note:
This is a very quick and easy project and was inspired by a design that I saw on Pinterest and also a tribute to my Grandfather that loved fishing more than anything else he did after his retirement years. He could spend hours from daylight to sundown fishing.

PREPARATION:
The surface to this sign board is very rough and I chose to not seal it because I wanted to wash a thin color on it. You could seal and stain if you preferred. I did not sand any of the area where I painted the design. I did sand the lower shelf area slightly. To begin, generously dampen the painting area with water. In a small container, mix Milk Chocolate and water to a watery consistency, but still having color for staining. Using a large brush, wash all of the background with this mix. Allow to dry. Slightly trace the heart outline on, and generously dampen all of the heart area with water again. Sideload your brush in thinned Traditional Burnt Umber and float the heart shape in. Bring the color toward the center and fade it into the background. It would also look good if you wanted all of the heart to be thinned Traditional Burnt Umber. Allow to dry.

DESIGN:
Lightly trace your design on and paint it with Lamp Black. Base coat the base to the shelf with Lamp Black.

FEATHERS:
The V is supposed to represent your fish hooks. For the feather design, load your brush in Milk Chocolate and stand it up on the tip. Place it on the black line and wisp it out following the direction of a feather. Bring this out almost a half inch. Tip your brush in Traditional Burnt Umber and do the same thing only don’t come out as far as you did for the Milk Chocolate. Do this same technique using Warm White on the inside feather designs. Using your liner brush, add Lamp Black detail line work at the lower area of the feathers. Add extra line work on the feathers using Traditional Burnt Umber.

FINISH:
Mist the design area with spray varnish. Spray a little more on the black shelf area.
To ensure your pattern is at 100%, this box should measure 1” x 1” when printed.