**NATURE HAT**

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Painting on a hat? Well, of course! Adorn your hat with gifts from nature, such as bugs, butterflies, dragonflies, and more. Adding a shadow under each creature gives your hat a more 3-D look. This fedora hat will be noticed by all that encounter the wearer. Never painted? No problem. Just follow these easy instructions.

**SUPPLIES**

SURFACE

Any close-woven hat or a felt hat

PAINTS

DecoArt Fabric SoSoft Acrylics

Baby Pink Deep

Bittersweet Orange

Bright Yellow

Brown

Cadmium Orange

Fuchsia

Green Apple

Indian Turquoise

Lamp Black

Lavender

Peacock Teal

Red Pepper

Santa Red

White

DecoArt Fabric Glitters

Clear Ice

Brushes (you may use fabric brushes or soft bristle brushes of your choice)

Liner No. 10/0

Round No. 4

Flat Nos. 4 and 6

Miscellaneous Supplies

Tracing paper and pencil

Red Ink Pen

Graphite (gray for white hat and black for other colors)

Brush Basin

Paper Towels

Palette Paper

Stylus

Straight pin

Note: Use the brush that best suits the area. Blend colors while still wet.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Using pencil, trace patterns onto tracing paper.

2. Trace pattern onto hat. Note: It is easier if the pattern is cut just slightly larger than the design, as well as the graphite. To secure the pattern in place, pin it to the hat. Use red ink pen to trace the pattern onto the hat.

DRAGONFLY #1

1. Paint body Brown.

2. Highlight with Green Apple.

3. Paint eyes Green Apple or use the end of the smallest brush handle.

4. On each wing, tap on a dot of Baby Pink Deep and feather it out from the dot. Randomly, add a dot of Indian Turquoise and feather it out as well. On the tip, blend in a bit of Bright Yellow. Repeat for each wing.

5. Using liner, dip into water…do not blot out. Pick up onto brush some Lamp Black. Smear it onto palette to liquify the black. Outline the wings and body.

6. With this thinned Lamp Black, add legs and lines on each wing.

7. On the left side of wings, body, and legs, add shadow; paint a mixture of Lamp Black and White (4:1 making grey) around those areas. Allow to dry completely.

8. Brush on Clear Ice Fabric Glitter to each wing.

DRAGONFLY #2

1. Paint body Indian Turquoise.

2. Shade with Peacock Teal.

Steps 3-8 are the same as Dragonfly #1.

BUTTERFLY #1 (On top of hat)

1. Paint the shadow area with a mixture of Lamp Black and White (4:1 making grey).

2. Base wings Cadmium Orange.

3. Shadow along black areas in Bittersweet Orange.

4. Highlight, more so in the center areas, in Bright Yellow and add a small touch of White to give more dimension.

5. Paint edges of each wing and body in Lamp Black.

6. Add a touch of White here and there.

7. Paint body with Lamp Black and add touches of White for highlighting.

8. Using liner, dip into water…do not blot out. Pick up onto brush some Lamp Black. Smear it onto palette to liquify the black. You’ll be using this for outlining and you’ll need to have it a soupy consistency. Add lines on each wing section plus add antennas.

9. Using stylus, add a Lamp Black dot at outer end of antennas.

10. Lightly brush on some Clear Ice Fabric Glitter to butterfly. Don’t do a complete coverage.

BUTTERFLY #2 (On side of hat)

1. Paint the shadow area with a mixture of Lamp Black and White (4:1 making grey).

2. Base wings Baby Pink Deep.

3. Shadow along black areas in Fuchsia.

4. Highlight along top edges and outward from each wing with White.

5. Add a touch of Lavender for more dimension.

6. Paint body with Lamp Black and add touches of White for highlighting.

7. Using liner, dip into water…do not blot out. Pick up onto brush some Lamp Black. Smear it onto palette to liquify the black. Add lines on each wing section plus add antennas.

8. Using stylus, add a Lamp Black dot at outer end of antennas.

9. Lightly brush on some Clear Ice Fabric Glitter but don’t do a complete coverage

LADYBUG

1. Basecoat body in Red Pepper.

2. Shade along outer edge Santa Red.

3. Highlight center top in White.

4. Add Lamp Black head, center stripe, and dots.

5. Thin Lamp Black as done on dragonflies and butterflies to do legs and antennas.

6. Add some White highlight on dots and head.

7. Do a grey shadow on left side of body and left side of legs on the right side.

8. Add a touch of Clear Ice Fabric Glitter to the top but don’t do a complete coverage.