***“So Scary, So Sweet” Paintbrush Doll's***

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***Introduction***

These cute little scarecrow Paintbrush Doll's would be fun to pin to your Fall jacket or to your painting apron and show that you are in the mood for Autumn. Put a magnet on the backsides and they would make a wonderful hostess gift to put on the fridge. What ever you decide they make a little fun for Fall!

***Bio***

Being outdoors in early Fall gathering in the fruits from our garden makes me happy. I enjoy the color change of the seasons. As an artist and teacher I see things vividly and hope I help others see and experience the art felt joys. I love sharing and have been in the industry over 35 years. You may have a little fun to Google my name and see a few things I've been up to over the many years. Art felt smiles!

***SUPPLIES***

*Surface*

Two each, 1" Chip Brush from most hardware or craft stores.

Small wooden bird cut-out

Small wooden pumpkin cut-out

Two small wooden sign cut-outs

You may find the small wooden cut-outs on Etsy, craft store's, one of your favorite wood sources or you can cut them out of a ridged thin piece of cardboard.

*DecoArt Americana Paint*

Coral Blush 292

Golden Straw 168

Lamp Black 067

Milk Chocolate 174

Peaches'n Cream 023

Periwinkle 366

Saffron Yellow 273

Scarlet 345

Snow White 01

Soft Black 155

Tangerine 012

Ultramarine Blue 225

Warm Beige 078

DecoArt Americana Multi-Surface Metallic

Yellow Gold DA551

*Mediums by DecoArt*

Dimensional Effects DS109C

Decou-Page Matte DS106

Sealer/Finisher Matte spray DAS13

*Brushes by Dynasty, Black Gold 206 Series*

3/8 Angle

5/0 Liner

#8 Shader

Mezzaluna Small, for dry brushing

*Miscellaneous Supplies*

Small black string bow

Small wicker hat cut out, see pattern. I used a recycled wicker placemat.

Bits of raffia

Red, blue and green rhinestones, size variety

Drywall Mesh Tape that has a check design from [www.justfinedesign.com](http://www.justfinedesign.com)

Drywall Joint Tape that has a cutout dots design from [www.justfinedesigns.com](http://www.justfinedesigns.com)

Hot Glue

Scissor

1 1/2" Pin-Backs or Magnet Buttons

Tracing Paper

Transfer Paper Grey

Pencil

Styles

Water bin

Paper towels

Palette

Stiff Toothbrush for splattering

Wedge Sponge for stenciling or your favorite stencil brush

Old flat small brush for Decou-Page

Tweezer

Palette Knife

Heat Tool

Bobbie Pin

***Helpful Tip or Hint***

I like to gather all the supplies before I get started. When selecting the embellishments use what you have on hand. You might be surprised at the outcome. Maybe use little buttons instead of rhinestones. You can paint their hair a different color, make them your own little scarecrows!

\*Don’t forget to dry between all steps throughout the process of creating these Paintbrush Doll's.

***PREPARATION***

No real prep for the wooden part of the brush, maybe a little sanding if needed.

Face on the Ferrule

To prep for these use the palette knife and apply a small amount of Dimensional Effects over the brush ferrule’s. Smooth it out over the engraving the best you can with the palette knife then use a wet finger to finishing smoothing them out. It’s okay to get some of the medium smoothed over part of the handle.

Image #1 Image #2

Hair

Use the palette knife and push some Dimensional Effects down into the hair bristles. Use the palette knife roughly and smash the bristles well. Try not to touch the ferrule’s while you are styling the hair. If you do; smooth it again with your wet finger. As the hair bristles dry it’s easier to manipulate. Let the hair and the ferrules dry well. You can use the heat tool to style with. I used a Bobbie Pin on the wet bristles and dried with a heat tool to make the bangs curl. See product manufacturer directions.

Image #3 Image #4 Image #5

***INSTRUCTIONS***

***Paint on!***

Hair

1. Use an old brush and paint the hair bristles with *Golden Straw* for the boy and use a light wash of *Milk* *Chocolate* in the girl's hair. The girl's should look just a little light reddish. Push the color down into the hair bristles and let it dry.
2. Rake through the hair with tweezers and use scissors to cut back some of the hair to make room for embellishments.

Image #6 Image #7 Image #8

Skin

1. Basecoat both of their faces with *Warm* *Beige*. Paint down past the ferrule’s onto the wood over the chin area.
2. Use the Mezzaluna brush to dry brush the cheeks and chins with *Coral* *Blush*. Brighten the cheeks on the girl a little more.
3. Use the toothbrush and splatter lightly over their skin with *Milk* *Chocolate*.
4. On the girl; paint a very light wash of *Peaches'n* *Cream* over her skin. Just so it looks all glazed together. If you see her face is too bright, tone down with a (very) light wash of *Milk* *Chocolate*.
5. On the boy; paint a very light wash of *Milk* *Chocolate* over his skin. Then float a little on his forehead under the bangs. This is all to create a very subtle undertone of freckles.
6. When all is dry; transfer the line drawings or free hand the facile features on.

Image #9 Image #10 Image #11

Eyes

1. Basecoat the eyes with *Lamp* *Black*.
2. Paint in the blue area with *Periwinkle*.
3. Paint in the white area with *Snow* *White*.
4. Line in the *Metallic* *Yellow* *Gold*.
5. Line in the lashes and eyebrows with *Soft* *Black*.
6. Dip-dot the pupil with *Snow* *White*

Image #12 Image #13 Image #14

Nose

1. Basecoat them with *Coral* *Blush*.
2. On the girl; wash in a little *Scarlet* at the bottom.
3. Highlight both with *Metallic* *Yellow* *Gold* down the left side.
4. Paint a very thin outline with *Soft* *Black*.
5. Dip-dot a few freckles on the high part of their cheeks with *Milk* *Chocolate*.

Mouth

1. Dip-dot the corners of each mouth with *Coral* *Blush*.
2. Make tiny dots again on top the other ones with *Snow* *White*.
3. Line the lips and the stitching on with *Soft* *Black*.
4. Paint the tongues with *Coral* *Blush* and finish with a tiny highlight of *Metallic* *Yellow* *Gold*.
5. On the boy; paint a very light float under his mouth, nose and eyes with watery *Milk* *Chocolate*.

Image #15

Boys Clothing

1. Draw the line around his waist and at his chin. Basecoat the shirt with *Scarlet*.
2. Basecoat his overalls with *Periwinkle*.
3. Tape off the straps and paint them as well. Remove the tape as soon as you can so that you don’t take off the paint under it.
4. Use the drywall mesh tape and stencil checks on the overalls first with *Ultramarine* *Blue* then lightly stencil randomly with a little *Milk* *Chocolate and finish stenciling* with *Snow* *White*.
5. Paint the belt with *Tangerine* and line it with *Soft* *Black*. Height with *Golden* *Straw*.
6. Shade with a float of *Ultramarine* *Blue* along all of the edges of the blue including the straps and around the belt.
7. Line the neck trim with *Tangerine* and float a shade under it with *Milk* *Chocolate*.
8. Dip-dot the buttons with *Milk* *Chocolate*. Outline them with *Lamp* *Black* then with *Snow* *White*.

Image #16 Image #17 Image #18

Girls Clothing

1. Draw the guideline at her chin and basecoat her dress with *Scarlet*.
2. Use the drywall joint tape and stencil the polka-dots starting at the bottom of the handle with *Ultramarine* *Blue* then on the top of the dress stencil with *Periwinkle*.
3. Outline the neckline with *Tangerine*.
4. Float a shade with *Milk* *Chocolate* on all of the edges.

Image #19

Signs

1. Basecoat the signs with *Warm* *Beige*.
2. Tear out the wording and Decou-Page them to the signs. Let this dry.
3. Wash over them and shade the ends with *Milk* *Chocolate*.
4. Use the toothbrush and splatter them with *Milk* *Chocolate*.
5. Line the left side of the lettering with *Snow* *White.*
6. Dip-dot the (So Scary) one with *Scarlet* and the other with *Tangerine* to create the nails.
7. Shade the dip-dot nails and touch the inside of them with *Soft* *Black*.

Image #20 Image #21

Pumpkin

1. Basecoat it with *Tangerine* then wash in some *Scarlet* streaks.
2. Splatter it with *Scarlet*.
3. Shade it with *Milk* *Chocolate* to make sections and all around the edges.
4. Paint the stem with *Milk* *Chocolate* then line it with *Golden* *Straw* and again *Soft* *Black*.

Red Wing Black Bird

1. Basecoat with *Lamp* *Black*
2. Pull some streaks through the body and tail with *Milk* *Chocolate*.
3. Paint the wing with *Scarlet*, pull some streaks through the wing with *Lamp* *Black* and paint the tips with *Saffron* *Yellow*.
4. Paint the beak and dip-dot the eye with *Soft* *Black, finish with* a tiny touch of *Snow* *White* to highlight them both.

Image #22

Hat

1. Cut the hat out of a piece of a recycled wicker placemat.
2. Paint the edges with *Milk* *Chocolate* pull some paint over the edges as well.
3. Line the brim and paint the patch with *Periwinkle*.
4. Paint a little *Metallic* *Yellow* *Gold* in the center of the patch, tip that center with *Snow* *White*.
5. Line in the stitching with *Periwinkle*, *Soft* *Black* and finish with *Snow* *White*.

Image #23 Image #24 Image #25

Let’s put ”So Scary Scarecrow” together.

1. Glue a small patch of raffia onto the handle. Paint a little *Saffron* *Yellow* on the raffia to brighten it. Glue the sign down on top of the raffia.
2. Glue another small patch of raffia to the hat and brighten it up with *Saffron* *Yellow* as well. Glue the bird on top the raffia.
3. Cut back some of his hair if need to accommodate for the hat and glue in place.
4. Finish up by gluing the rhinestones in place.

Image #26 Image #27

Let's put “So Sweet Scarecrow” together.

1. Glue a small patch of raffia in place on handle and brighten it with *Saffron* *Yellow*, then glue the sign on top.
2. Cut back her hair to accommodate for the pumpkin if needed and glue it in.
3. Tie a small bow; trim the ends and dip them in Scarlet. Let that dry well and glue it in place above her bangs.
4. Finish by gluing her rhinestones in place.

Image #28

***FINISHING***

1. Now’s the time to touch up or adjust anything that your Doll’s may need.
2. Glue the pin-backs or if you choose the magnets on the backside of your Paintbrush Doll's
3. Give them a spray coat of Sealer/Finisher, let them dry and enjoy showing them off!

Image #29

Image #30