

Saltbox Star Frame

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See photo. Paint birdhouse Golden Brown. Highlight birdhouse using Antique White. See photo.

Instructions:

1. Using wash brush, paint inside of star Black Cherry. If desired, blend a small amount of Raw Sienna into Black Cherry background. Let dry.

2. Mix a small amount of water with Black to create a wash. Using wash brush and Black wash, paint outside of star. Let dry. Transfer pattern to inside of frame.

3. Using #10 shader, paint house Magnolia White. Using #8 shader, paint roof, door, windows and chimney Black. Highlight roof using Raw Sienna. See photo.

4. Using #8 shader, doubleload brush with Pine Green, and paint grass. Highlight grass hilltops using Straw.

5. Using liner brush, paint birdhouse roof Black. Paint crisscross on windows using Magnolia White.

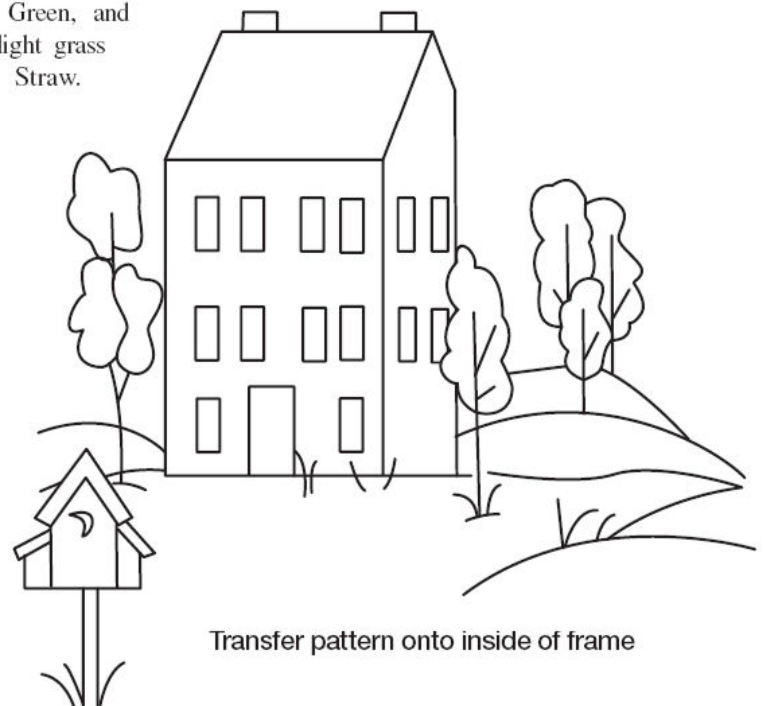
6. Doubleload scruffy brush with Pine Green and Straw, and paint foliage on trees using a pouncing motion. Let dry.

7. Sand frame edges lightly, and wipe off dust with tack cloth. Using soft cloth and wood finish, stain frame edges. Let dry.

8. **Displaying** - If desired, drill holes on each side of star and thread a piece of wire through holes for hanging. Or, cut a small back flap from a thin wood piece for a tabletop display. Paint Black and let dry. Attach to back of frame with hinge.

Supplies:

- Minwax Wood Finish in Early American, #230
- Wood star frame*
- Old scruffy brush
- Tack cloth or paper towels
- Soft cloth
- Fine-grit sandpaper
- Light-colored transfer paper
- Stylus or pencil
- Drill, optional
- Wire for hanging frame, optional
- Nails and hammer, optional
- Thin piece of wood, optional
- Hinge, optional
- Delta Ceramcoat acrylic paint:
 - Antique White
 - Black
 - Black Cherry
 - Golden Brown
 - Magnolia White
 - Pine Green
 - Raw Sienna
 - Straw
- Loew-Cornell paintbrushes:
 - Series 4550: 3/4" wash brush
 - Series 3300: #8 and #10 shaders
 - Series JS-1: #1 mid-length liner



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