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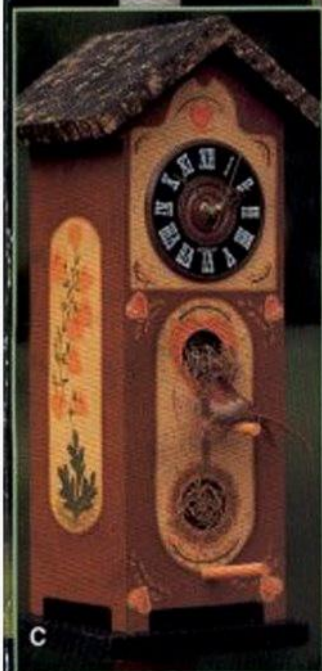
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WALNUT HOLLOW

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Just Follow Me...

I recently visited my great aunt Harriet, a gifted crafts-person. Over the years, we've all looked forward to her handmade gifts - toys, clothing, linens and home decorations.

During my visit she said, "I've been creating crafts for thirty years. Sometimes I wonder how many are still in existence. At my age, I'd love to think that something might 'outlive' me!"

I knew exactly what she meant. "Look at these beautiful birdhouses," I said. "You could put a clock in any of these, and have an object of art that would be cherished by future generations!"

"Suzanne, I think you're right!" she said. "I treasure my grandmother's clock. -And she didn't even make it! Thanks for the idea!"

Suzanne

History

Do you know? 736 different species of birds exist in North America. Because they have long been hunted by man—for food, for feathers, or for sport—many species have become extinct. In the wild, their life expectancy is quite short: only 20% survive the first year, and a 4-year-old bird would be rare. In captivity, birds might live 20-50 years.

Materials

Painted Birdhouses require a ready-made birdhouse, acrylic paints, tracing paper, graphite paper, disposable palette paper, sandpaper, wood filler, and water-base varnish. Add artificial birds and Spanish moss as desired. The supplies are inexpensive and can be found at your local craft, hardware or variety store.

SUPPLIERS:

Most craft, hardware and variety stores carry an excellent assortment of paints and birdhouses. If you need something special, ask your local store to contact the following company:

BIRD HOUSES: Walnut Hollow®,
Route 2, Dodgeville, WI 53533

BRUSHES: Robert Simmons,
45 West 18th Street, NY 10011

BRUSHES: Loew-Cornell,
563 Chestnut Avenue, Teaneck, NJ 07666

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Elise Tribke

And Thanks to Elise Tribke, also of Hebron, Illinois for her designs and attractive Clock House. Like her friend, Carol, Elise is from a family of enthusiastic handcrafters. Elise designed her own clothing at a very early age.

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'Apartment for Rent'

COVER PHOTO A

WALNUT HOLLOW BIRD HOUSE:

11103 Large Flock Home

(6 1/2" x 14" x 6")

DECOART AMERICANA PAINT COLORS:

Snow White	Charcoal Grey
Mauve	Burgundy Wine
Dusty Rose	Ebony Black
Pineapple	Burnt Umber
Avocado	Jade Green
Buttermilk	French Grey Blue
Country Red	

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. **Paint-Seal** house with Dusty Rose. **Paint-Seal** roof and birdhouse base with a mixture of Dusty Rose and Snow White. Let dry. 2. Transfer pattern for siding and roofing. **Float** Mauve under each board of the siding, and under each roof shingle, using a 3/4 angle brush.

3. Transfer the rest of the pattern. 4. Paint mailboxes with a mixture of 1 part Snow White and 2 parts Charcoal Grey. Paint window glass of Apt. 3-A and Office Ebony Black. Paint window glass of Apt. 2-A Pineapple. 5. Paint the door, window trim, fences, back window circles, Hours sign, envelopes and 'For Rent' sign Snow White.

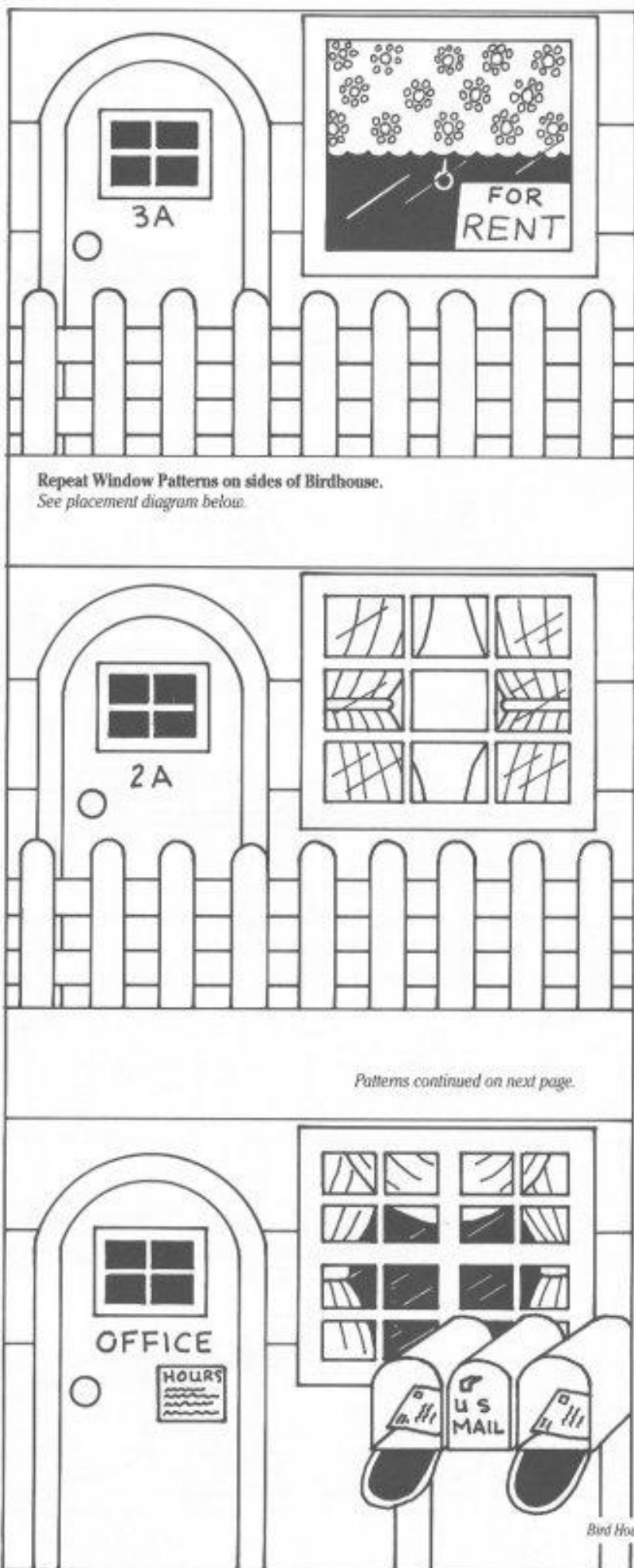
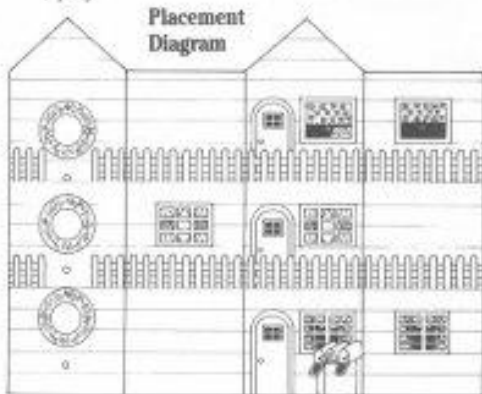
6. Paint the curtains of Apt. 2-A French Grey Blue. Paint the curtain ties, and the Window shade of Apartment 3-A Mauve or Country Red. Paint the curtains in the Office apartment Jade Green. Paint the curtain tie Avocado. 7. **Float** Burgundy Wine around Office doors and windows, under fences, under roof, and around back windows.

8. **Float** Charcoal Grey around inner edge of Office apartment windows, outside of mailboxes, and around fence. **Highlight** curtains in 2-A with Snow White. **Shade** the Office curtains with Avocado. 9. Paint the window pane trim and shade pull Snow White. In 3-A, Paint Snow White dot flowers on the window shade. Place a dot of the Rose-&-White mixture at the center of each flower.

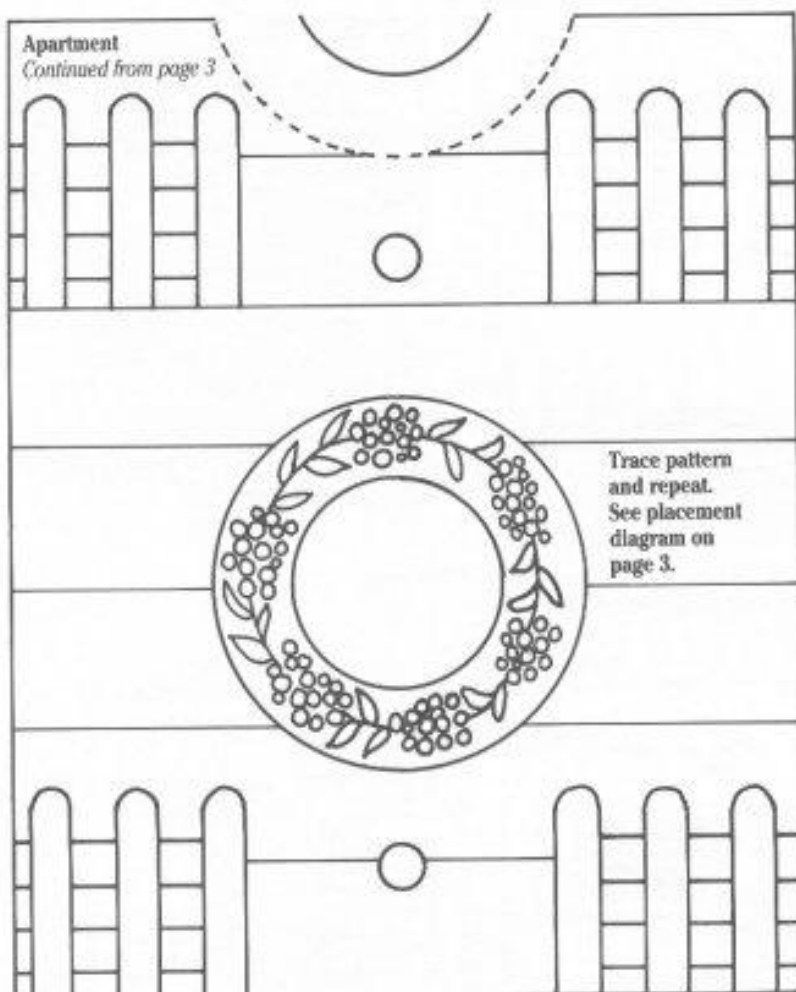
10. **Outline** 'For Rent' with a Red fine-tip brush and Country Red. Print all other lettering and numbering with Charcoal Grey. Paint the inside of the mailbox and the open mailbox doors Charcoal Grey. 11. Paint the flower stems around the back windows Avocado, with Jade Green leaves. Paint the flower-dots Mauve and Burgundy Wine.

12. Paint the perches Snow White. Let dry, and insert in holes. 13. Place a Burgundy bird on a perch. 14. Finish with clear matte acrylic spray.

Placement
Diagram



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Trace pattern
and repeat.
See placement
diagram on
page 3.

Green Wren Cottage

COVER PHOTO A

WALNUT HOLLOW BIRD HOUSE:

11103 Large Wren Cottage

(7 1/4" x 7 1/2" x 6")

DECOART AMERICANA PAINT COLORS:

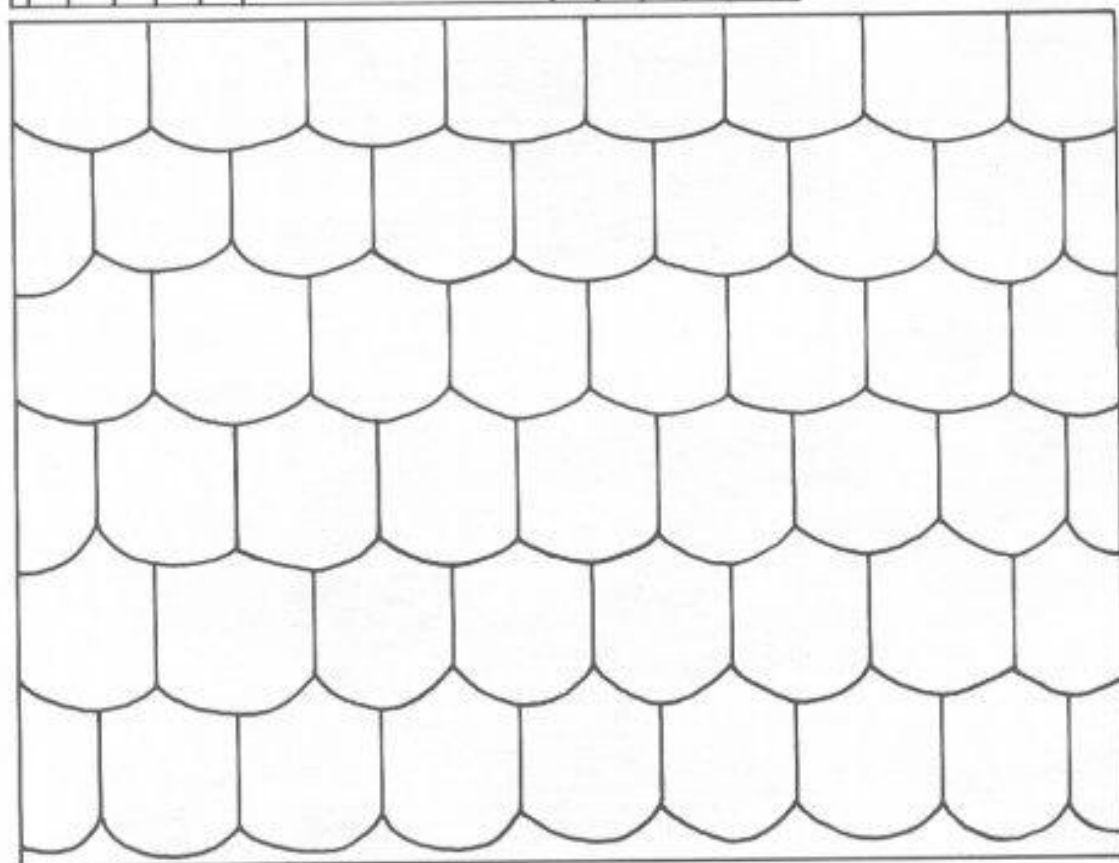
Evergreen	Yellow Ochre
Mauve	Antique Gold
Buttermilk	Ebony Black
Pineapple	Raw Sienna
Slate Grey	Jade Green

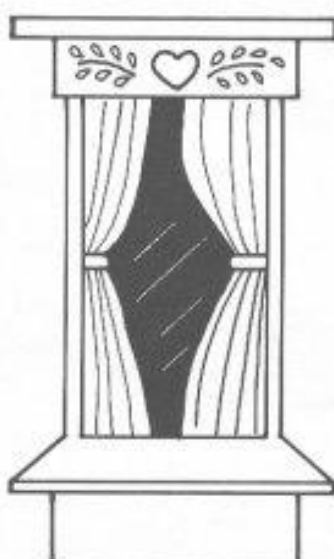
INSTRUCTIONS: 1. **Paint-Seal** house with Jade Green. **Paint-Seal** roof with Buttermilk and wooden base with Ebony Black. Let dry. 2. Transfer pattern for siding and roofing. **Flot** Evergreen under each board of the siding, and around each roof shingle with a 3/4 angle brush. **Shade** beneath roof with Evergreen. **Spatter** roof with Yellow Ochre and Mauve.

3. Transfer the rest of the pattern. Transfer basic design of doors and windows, omitting ornamentation. Paint doors and windows Buttermilk. Paint curtains Yellow Ochre. Paint window glass Ebony Black. **Shade** outer edges of doors and windows with Evergreen.

4. Transfer the ornamentation patterns. Paint flower pots Raw Sienna. **Shade** with Slate Grey using a 1/4 angle brush. Paint curtain sashes and shade curtains with Raw Sienna. Paint the doorframe and **shade** the edges of the door with Yellow Ochre. Paint doorknob Yellow Ochre. Using a 10/0 liner brush, **outline** door window with Yellow Ochre. **Outline** round window edges with Mauve.

Roof pattern
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Apartment
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Wren
Cottage
Side



Wren
Cottage
Back

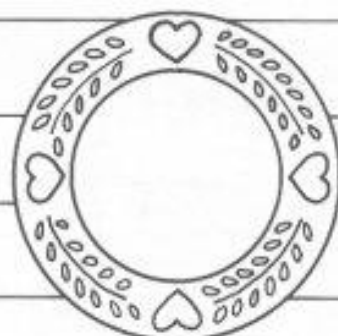
5. Paint the stems and half of the leaves Evergreen. Paint other leaves in the flower pots Jade Green. Paint other leaves in the window trim Yellow Ochre. Paint flowers Mauve and **highlight** with White. Place 3 Snow White **dots** above each flower in the window box. Paint Yellow Ochre centers for the back window flowers. **Spatter** roof with Yellow Ochre and Mauve.



Spatter

6. Optional: Paint a small clay pitcher Yellow Ochre and perch a Yellow Ochre bird on the roof. 7. Finish with clear matte acrylic spray.

Wren
Cottage Front



Country Home

COVER PHOTO A

WALNUT HOLLOW BIRD HOUSE:

11103 Large Cloud Cabin

(6 1/2' x 7 1/8' x 8 1/2')

DECOART AMERICANA PAINT COLORS:

Evergreen	Dark Chocolate
Mauve	Uniform Blue
Buttermilk	Ebony Black
Dove Grey	Raw Sienna
Slate Grey	Jade Green
Baby Pink	Cranberry Wine
Coral Rose	Medium Flesh
Snow White	Plantation Pine
Raspberry	Georgia Clay
Gooseberry	Williamsburg Blue
Baby Blue	Soldier Blue

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. **Paint-Seal** walls and eaves with Buttermilk. **Paint-Seal** roof with Dove Grey. **Paint-Seal** the base Williamsburg Blue. Let dry. 2. Transfer basic patterns, omitting flowers, foliage, and secondary details. **Shade** under each board of siding with Williamsburg Blue. **Shade** around doors, windows, and all other objects with a thin mixture of Williamsburg Blue and Buttermilk. Line the screen with the same mixture to create a **Cross Hatch** effect. Paint door, shutters and perch Williamsburg Blue.

3. Paint tree trunk Dark Chocolate. Paint the pot Georgia Clay. Paint flower boxes and heart Mauve. Paint birdbath Snow White, with Baby Blue water.

4. Paint patches of Gooseberry **wash** on roof. Let dry, and transfer shingle pattern. **Shade** beneath shingles with Williamsburg Blue. **Outline** shingles and indicate splits with Williamsburg Blue. **Shade** lower edge of shingles with Slate Grey.

5. Transfer final designs, (merely indicating over shape of foliage). Paint doorknob and lettering Ebony Black. **Shade** door trim and shutters with Uniform Blue. **Float** a shadow around the shape of the tree and bush foliage with a thin **wash** of the Williamsburg Blue-Buttermilk mixture.

6. Use the **Leaf Stroke** to paint leaves with thinned Evergreen. Paint other leaves with undiluted Evergreen. **Shade** birdbath with Ebony Black wash. **Highlight** birdbath water with Snow White. **Outline** the word 'welcome' with Ebony Black.

7. Paint roses with a Raspberry-Buttermilk mix. **Shade** roses with Cranberry Wine wash. **Highlight** roses with Buttermilk. **Shade** bottom of rosebuds with Evergreen. 8. **Shade** flower boxes with Cranberry Wine-Mauve mix.

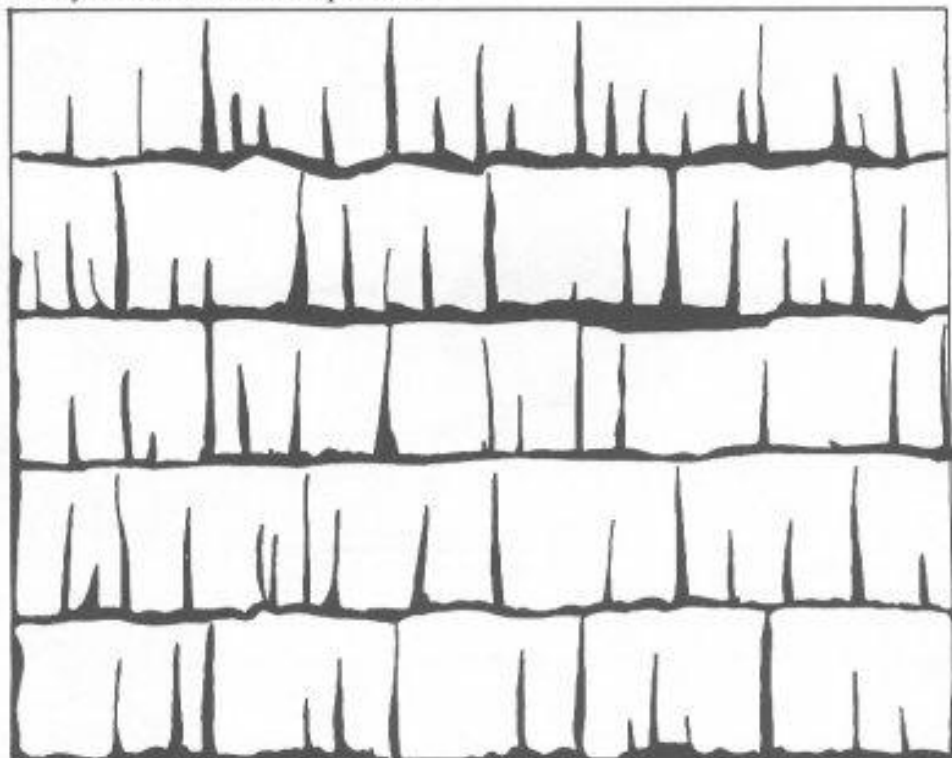
9. **Highlight** pot with Georgia Clay-Medium Flesh mix. **Shade** pot with Dark Chocolate. **Wash** window curtain with Coral Rose. **Shade** curtain with full-strength Coral Rose. **Wash** small window pane with Baby Blue. **Outline** long leaves in flower boxes with a wash of Plantation Pine. Apply Lemon Yellow dot flowers in large flower box, and Baby Pink ones in the small window box.

10. **Highlight** small window with Snow White. **Outline** back door, front screen door and window panes with Soldier Blue. 11. Finish with clear matte acrylic spray.

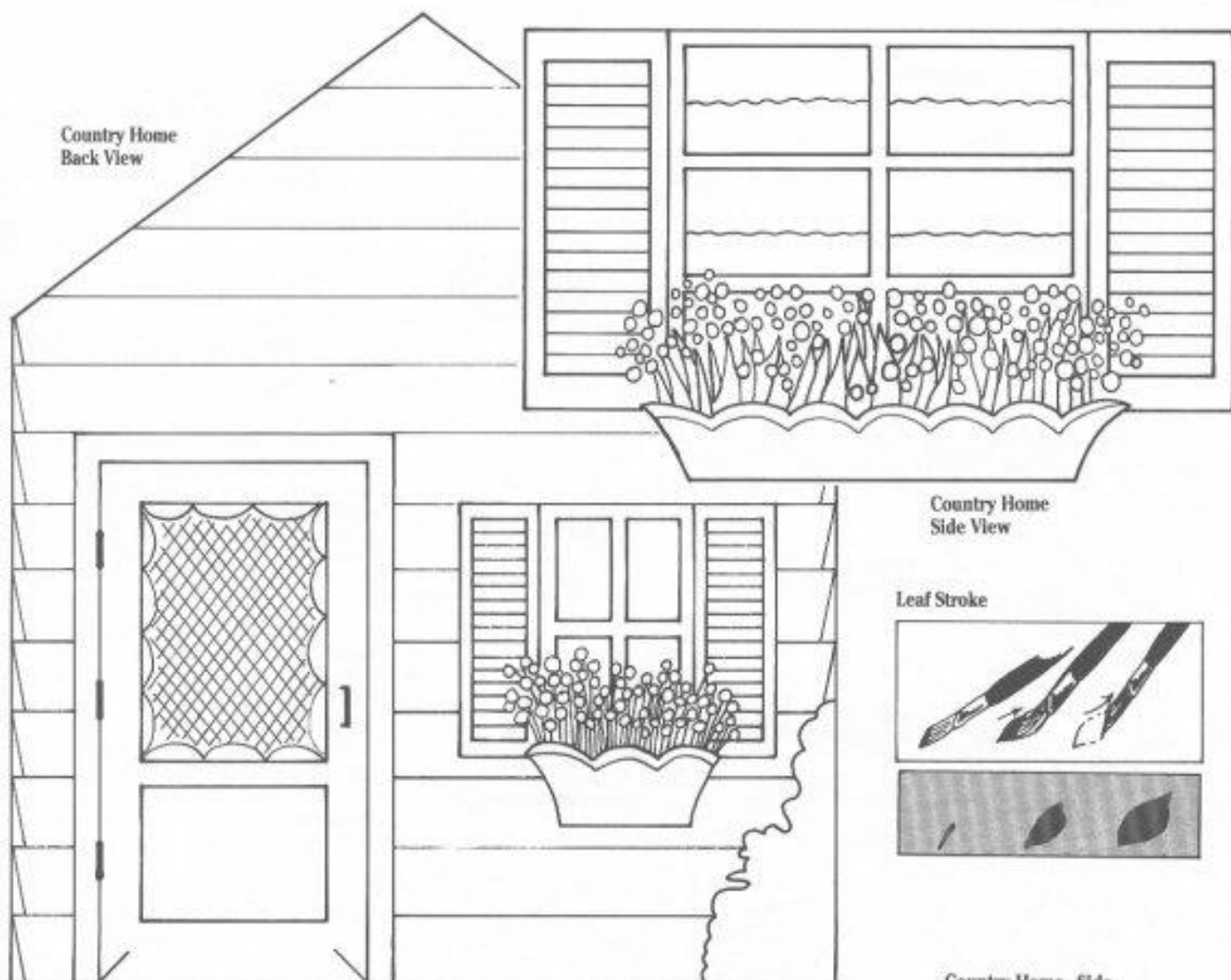
Country Home
Front



Country Home Roof - Trace and Repeat Pattern



Country Home
Back View

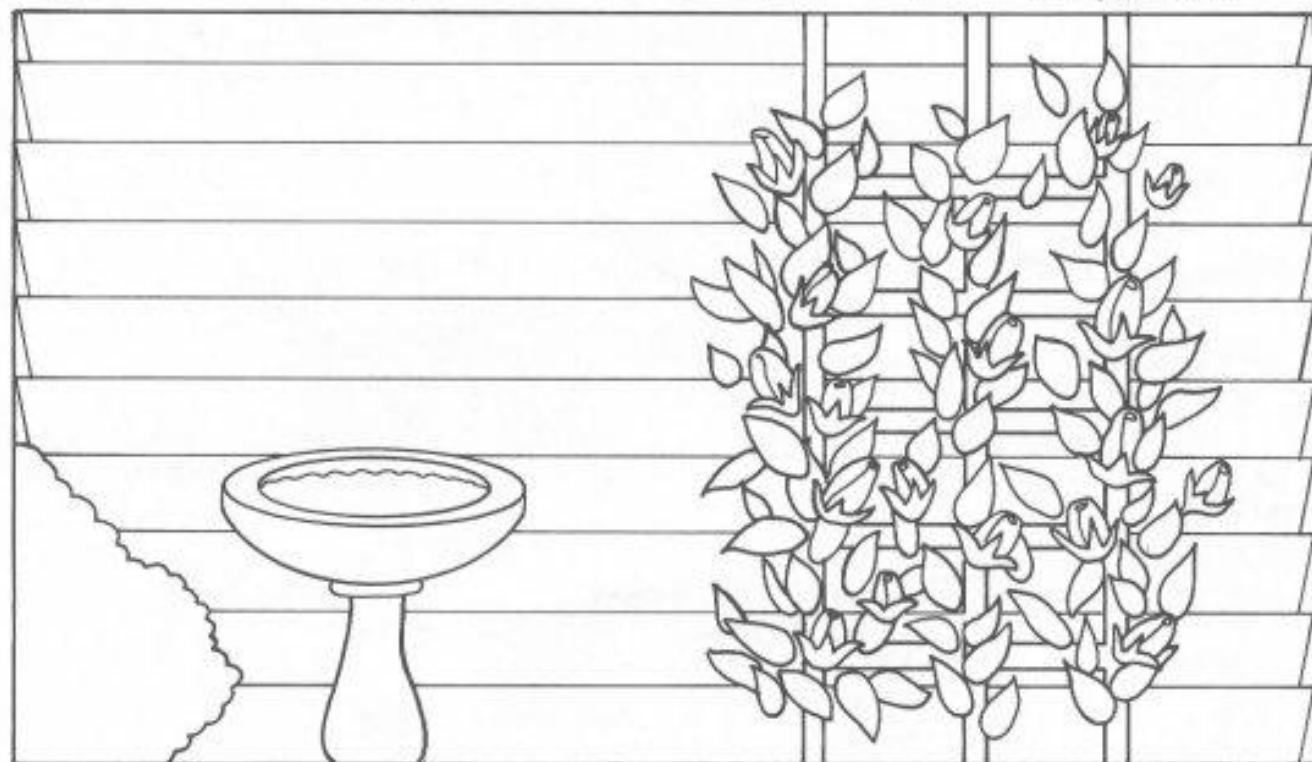


Country Home
Side View

Leaf Stroke



Country Home - Side



'Vine-Covered Cottage'

FRONT COVER PHOTO A

WALNUT HOLLOW BIRD HOUSE:

11103 Large Wren Cottage

(7 1/4" x 7 1/2" x 6")

Eight 1 1/2" x 6" strips of miniature shingles.

DECOART AMERICANA PAINT COLORS:

Evergreen	Cranberry Wine
Buttermilk	Uniform Blue
Gooseberry	Dark Chocolate
Snow White	French Grey Blue
Avocado	

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Glue on 4 rows of shingles. **Paint-Seal** house, base, eaves and perch with Buttermilk. **Paint-Seal** shingles with French Grey Blue. Let dry. 2. **Shade** beneath shingles with Uniform Blue wash. 3. Transfer pattern. **Shade** inside of wooden trim with Dark Chocolate wash. Paint the vine Evergreen.

4. Mix a **wash** of Avocado and Evergreen. Paint a few leaves. Add more paint to the **wash** and paint additional leaves. 5. Paint flowers Gooseberry. **Shade** each flower with a

Gooseberry-Cranberry Wine mixture. **Highlight** each flower with a Gooseberry-Snow White mix. 6. **Outline** squiggly Evergreen leaves extending from the base of each flower. **Outline** Evergreen tendrils.

7. Paint final leaves with undiluted Evergreen. Paint all walls with a transparent **wash** of Buttermilk, softening the boldness of the design. **Spatter** entire house with Uniform Blue. 8. Finish with clear matte acrylic spray.

3-Story Victorian

FRONT COVER PHOTO A

WALNUT HOLLOW BIRD HOUSE:

11103 Large Flock Home

(6 1/2" x 14" x 6")

DECOART AMERICANA PAINT COLORS:

Snow White	Charcoal Grey
Gooseberry	Colonial Green
Slate Grey	Glorious Gold
Blue Haze	Plantation Pine
Ebony Black	Avocado
Grey Sky	

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. **Paint-Seal** walls and eaves with Grey Sky. **Paint-Seal** roof and base of birdhouse with Colonial Green. Let dry. 2. Transfer pattern to walls, roof and eaves. 3. **Shade** beneath each board of siding with a Slate grey wash. 4. Paint all windows, doors, and wooden ornamentation Colonial Green.

5. Paint trim on eaves Blue Haze. **Shade** roof shingles with a Blue Haze wash. **Highlight** ornamental trim on eaves with Colonial Green. 6. **Outline** all other ornamental trim with Blue Haze. 7. **Shade** trim with Slate Grey. **Highlight** trim and shingles with a Snow White-Colonial Green mix. **Float over** tips of shingles with a Gooseberry wash.

8. **WINDOWS**. Splotch the Gooseberry wash lightly on each window. Don't let this be an overpowering color, keep it very transparent. Follow with a similar wash of Colonial Green. 9. **Outline** round windows and paint rose window designs with Glorious Gold. 10. Paint design on round window frames with Black. **Highlight** with Snow White-Colonial Green.

11. **Outline** leading on rectangular window panes with Ebony Black. **Shade** window glass edges with Slate Grey. **Highlight** top edges of glass with Snow White. **Line** Snow White reflective lines on all window glass.

12. **IVY**. **Stipple** the ivy area with transparent wash of Avocado. Paint ivy stems Plantation Pine. Paint some leaves with a Plantation Pine wash. Continue adding leaves of thicker solutions of paint. Fill any vacant spaces with leaves of Blue Haze-Plantation Pine mix.

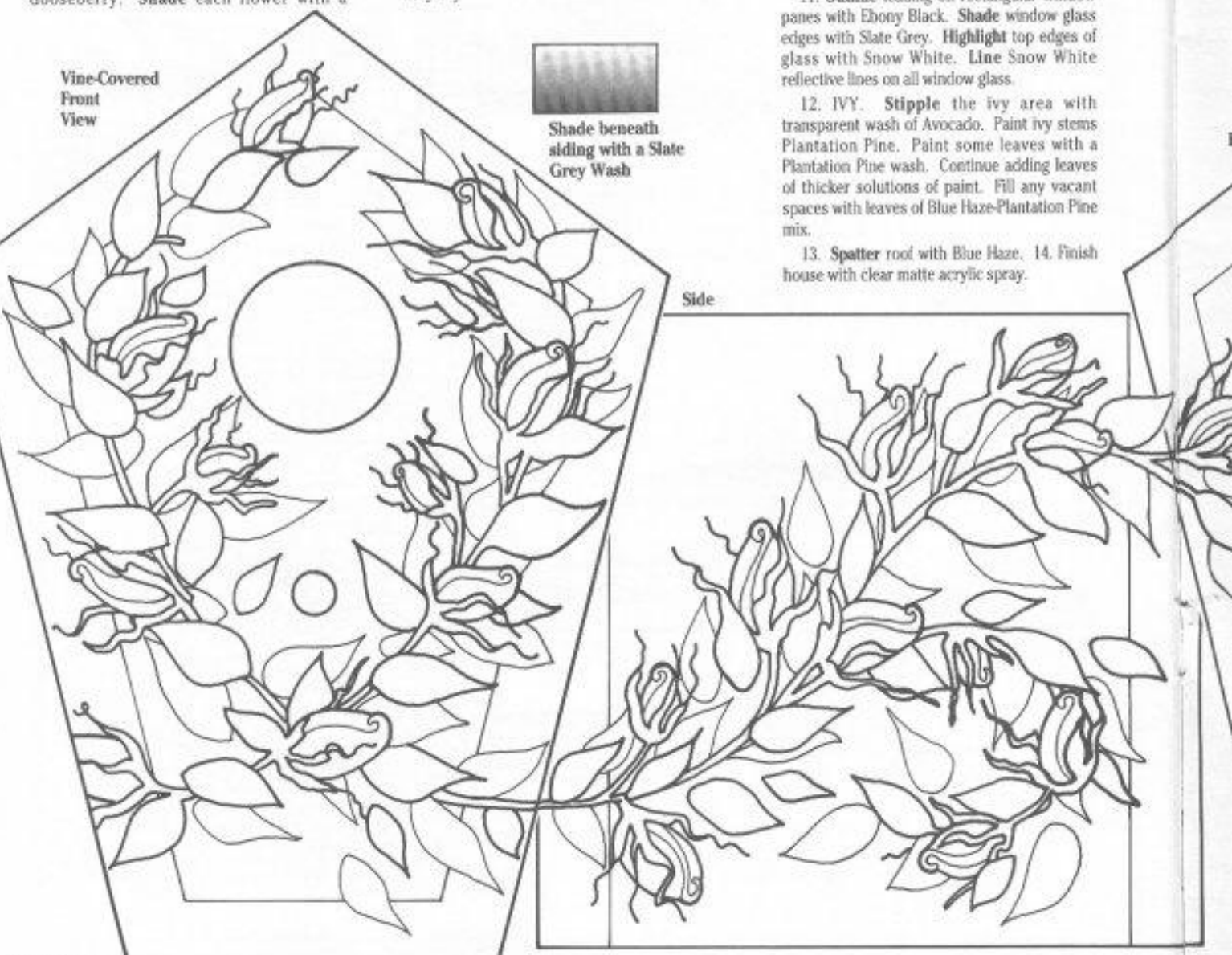
13. **Spatter** roof with Blue Haze. 14. Finish house with clear matte acrylic spray.

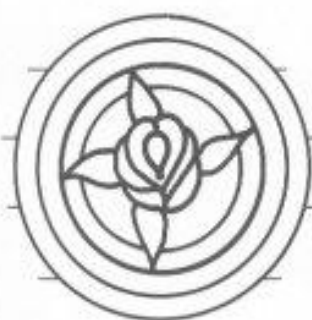
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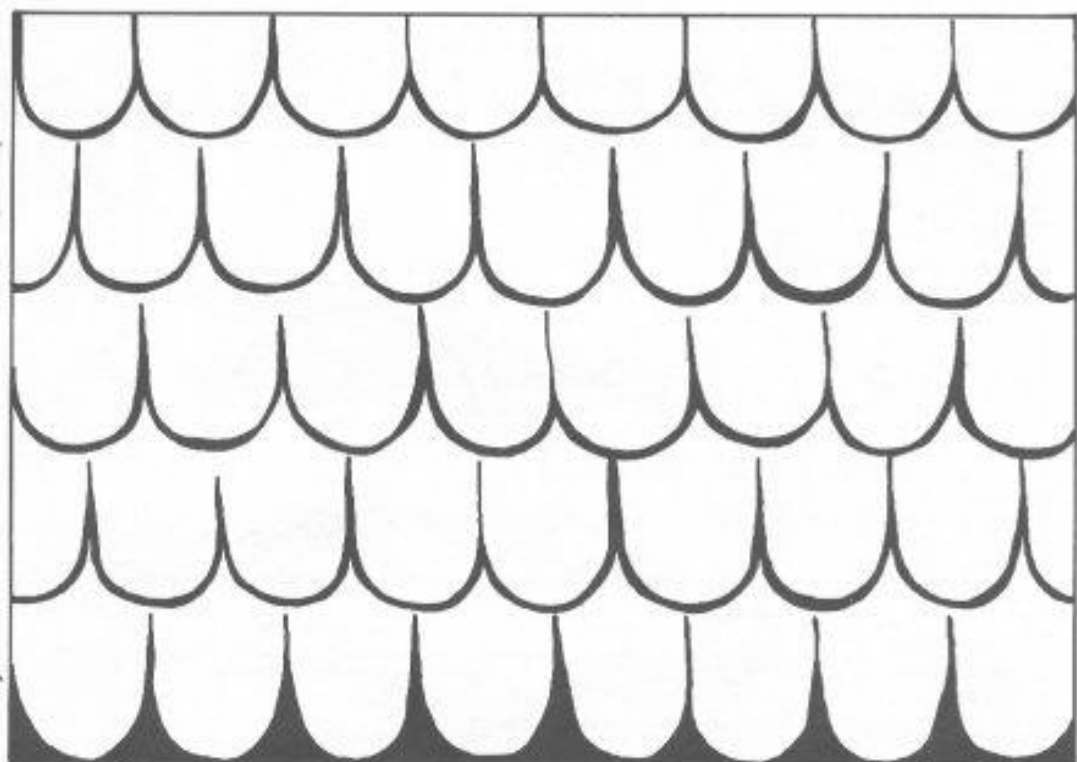
Shade beneath
siding with a Slate
Grey Wash

Side





Victorian
Side



Back

Rosebud steps:



Base



Float Shadow



Float Highlight

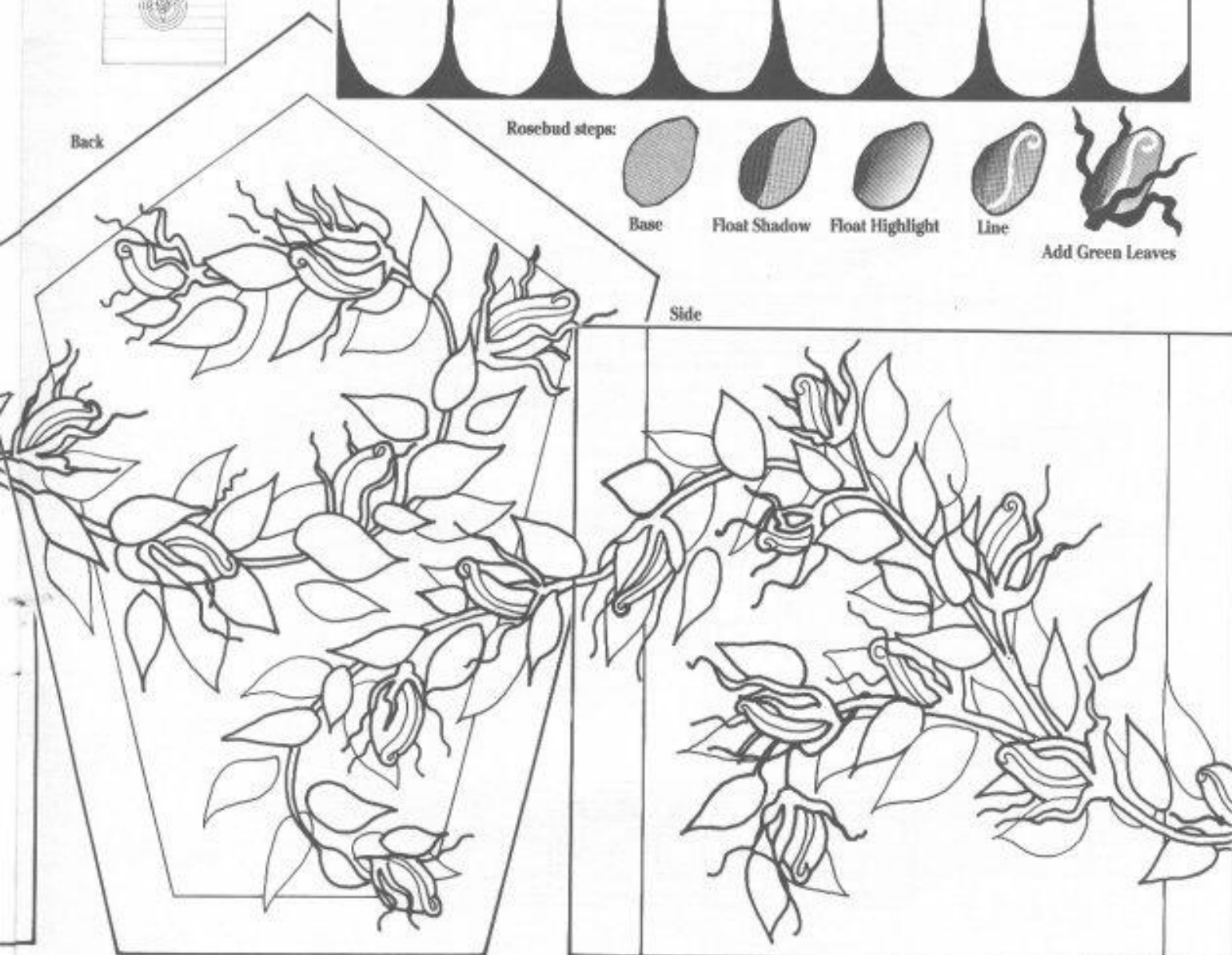


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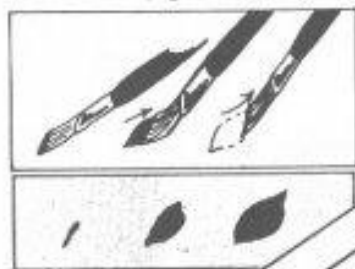


Add Green Leaves

Side



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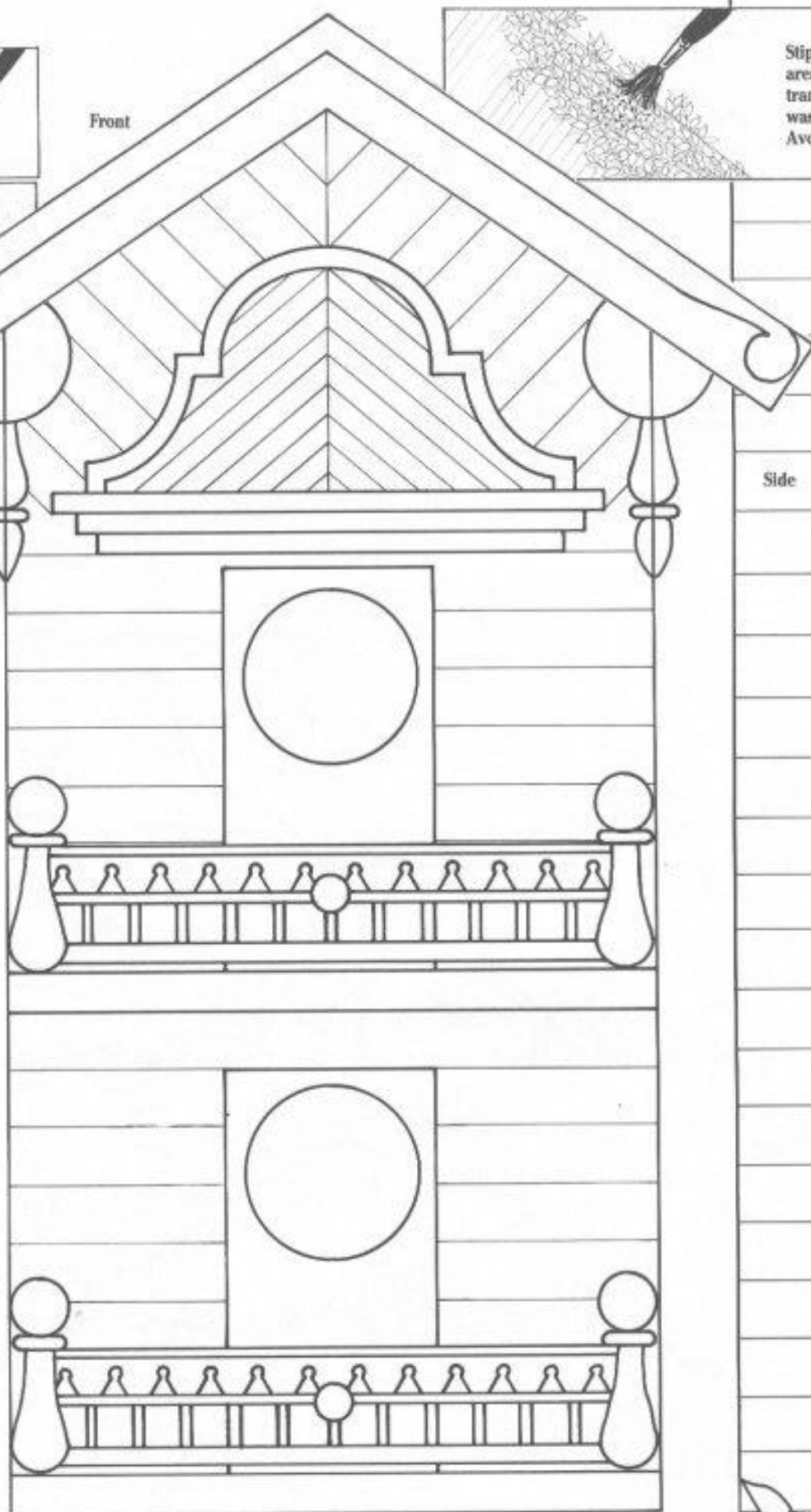
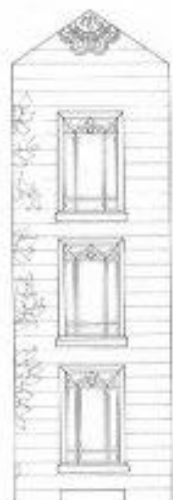
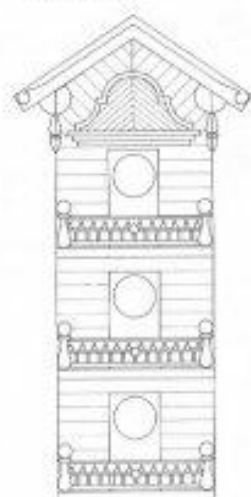


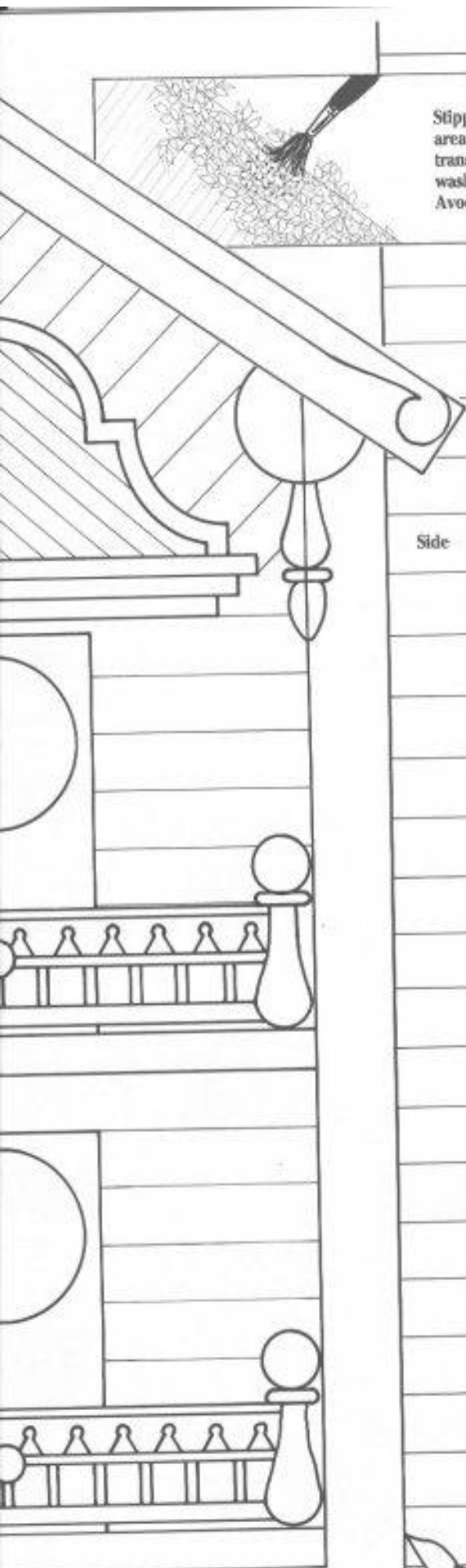
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Stipple Ivy
area with a
transparent
wash of
Avocado.

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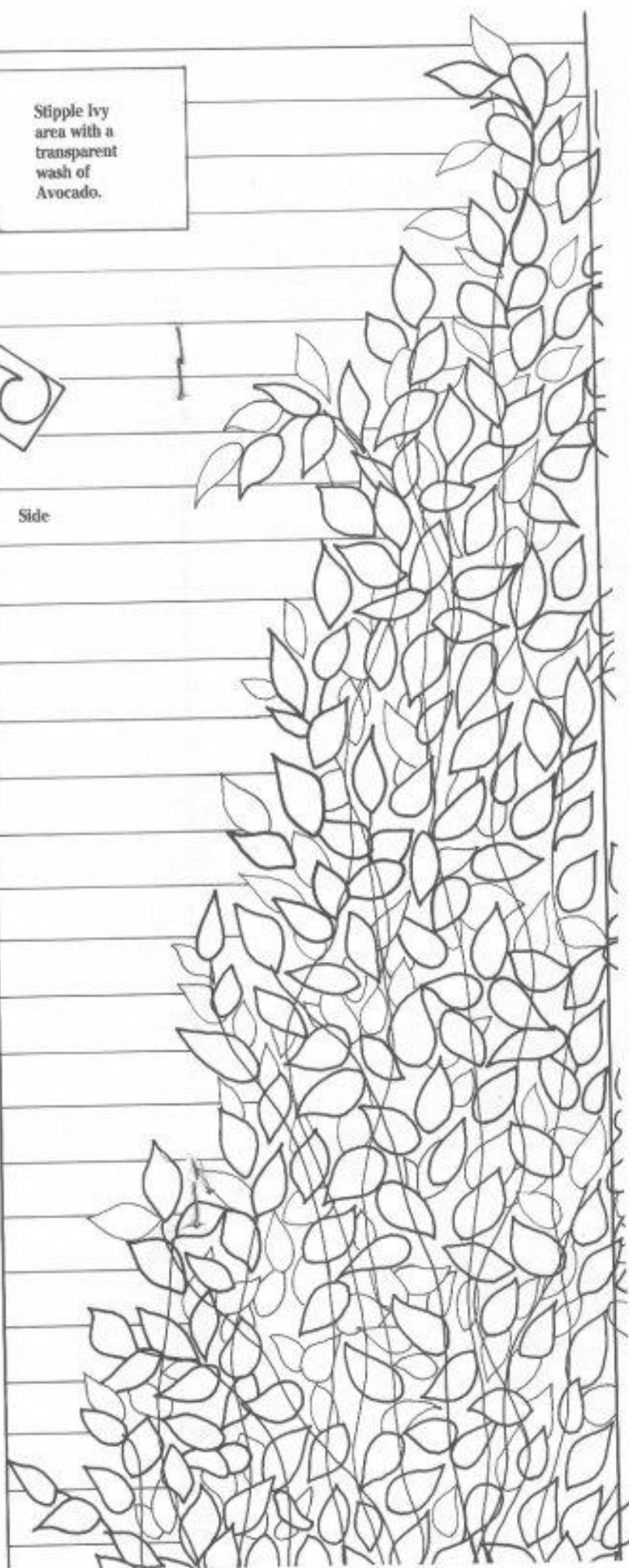
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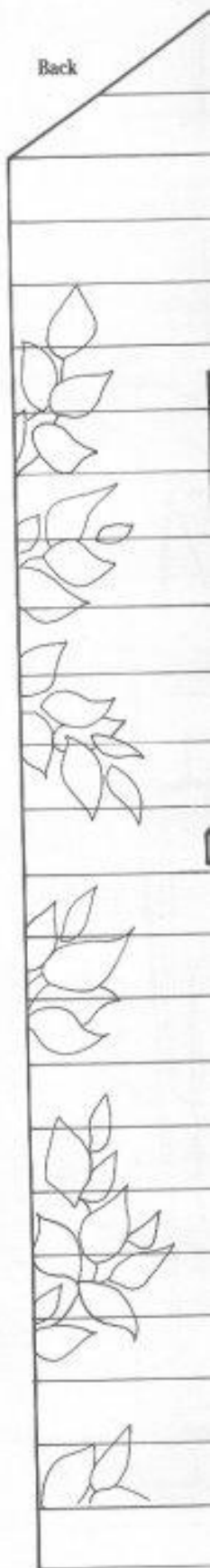


Stipple Ivy
area with a
transparent
wash of
Avocado.

Side



Back





Dairy Barn

FRONT COVER PHOTO A

WALNUT HOLLOW BIRD HOUSE:

11163 Large Birdie Barn

(6 7/8" x 8" x 8")

[Optional materials: straw or excelsior, hot glue, 11" x 11" piece of 1" wood.]

DECOART AMERICANA PAINT COLORS:

Snow White	Cadmium Orange
Gooseberry	Lemon Yellow
Slate Grey	Shimmering Silver
Georgia Clay	Raw Sienna
Ebony Black	Desert Sand
Baby Blue	Toffee
Flesh	Jade Green
Avocado	Burnt Umber
Buttermilk	

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. **Paint-Seal** walls and perch with Georgia Clay. **Paint-Seal** base and roof with Slate Grey. 2. Transfer primary pattern. 3. **Outline** roof and siding boards and indicate splits and joinings of wood with Ebony Black. Paint window and door openings Ebony Black. **Highlight** selected boards with Cadmium Orange. **Shade** some boards with Ebony Black. **Spatter** walls with Ebony Black. 4. Paint hex sign Snow White.

5. Transfer secondary patterns. Paint pitchfork handle Raw Sienna. Paint tines and milk-can Shimmering Silver. Paint wagon wheel Toffee. Paint bird Snow White. 6. **Outline** pitchfork with Burnt Umber. **Shade** it with Ebony Black wash. **Outline** wagon wheel with Raw Sienna. **Shade** it with Burnt Umber. 7. Paint wall shadows of pitchfork, wagon wheel, milk can and Hex sign with Ebony Black wash.

8. **Float** Lemon Yellow on bird's breast. **Wash** head, wing, back and tail with Baby Blue. Mix a bit of Ebony Black with Baby Blue to define feathers and cheek. Paint beak Lemon Yellow. 9. Paint 'petal' shapes in Hex sign Lemon Yellow. Paint 'V' shapes Avocado. Paint center of petals Georgia Clay.

10. **Outline** cow with Ebony. Paint Ebony Black pupils, hooves, and spots on cow. Paint muzzle Flesh. **Shade** muzzle and center of ears with Gooseberry wash. Soften Black areas with a transparent Slate Grey wash. Soften Buttermilk areas with a transparent Ebony Black wash. **Highlight** eyes with Buttermilk.

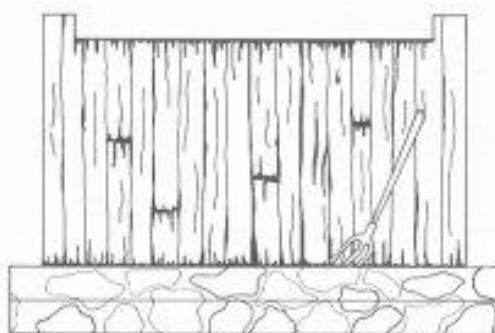
11. Add transparent blotches of Georgia Clay to roof. **Shade** shingles with Ebony Black. **Highlight** edges of shingles with Buttermilk. **Spatter** roof with Ebony Black, and then with Georgia Clay.

12. **Float** 'stone' shapes on base with washes of: Burnt Sienna, Desert Sand and Buttermilk.

13. [Optional Additional Base]. If desired, cut an additional 11" x 11" wooden base for barn. **Paint-Seal** base Avocado. Use stiff older brush to create a grass effect with Jade Green.

14. Lay barn on side. Build up hot glue then add straw or excelsior to one side of barn to represent haystack. 15. Finish house with clear matte acrylic spray.

Pitchfork

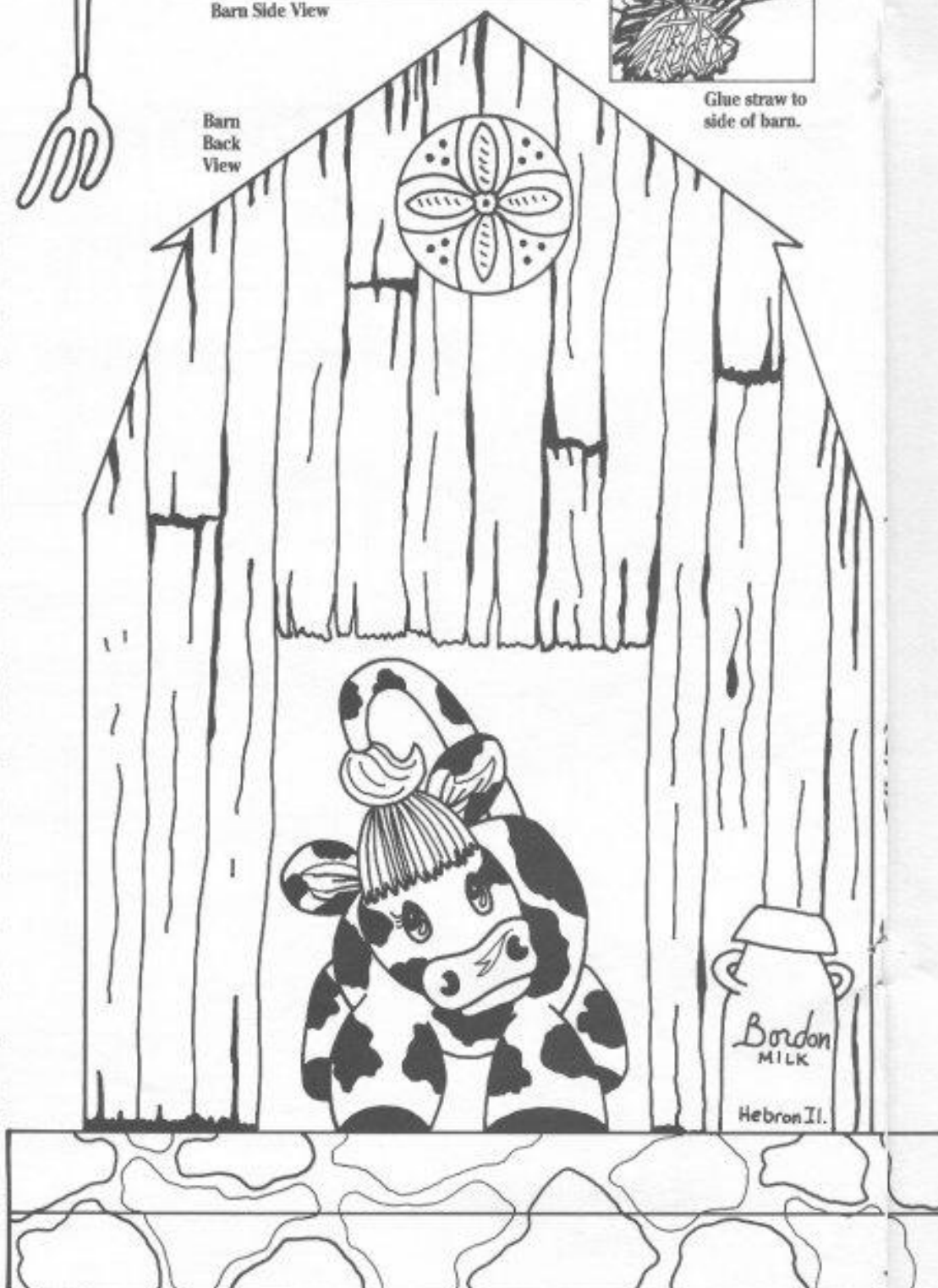


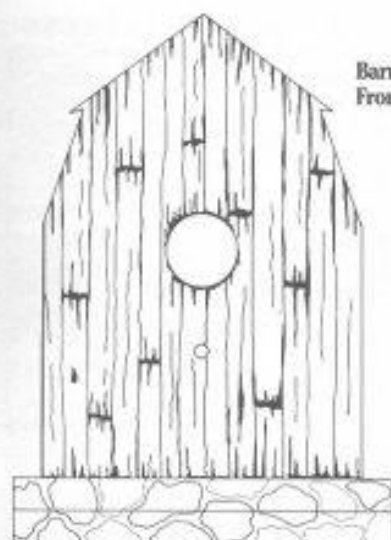
Barn Side View



Glue straw to side of barn.

Barn Back View



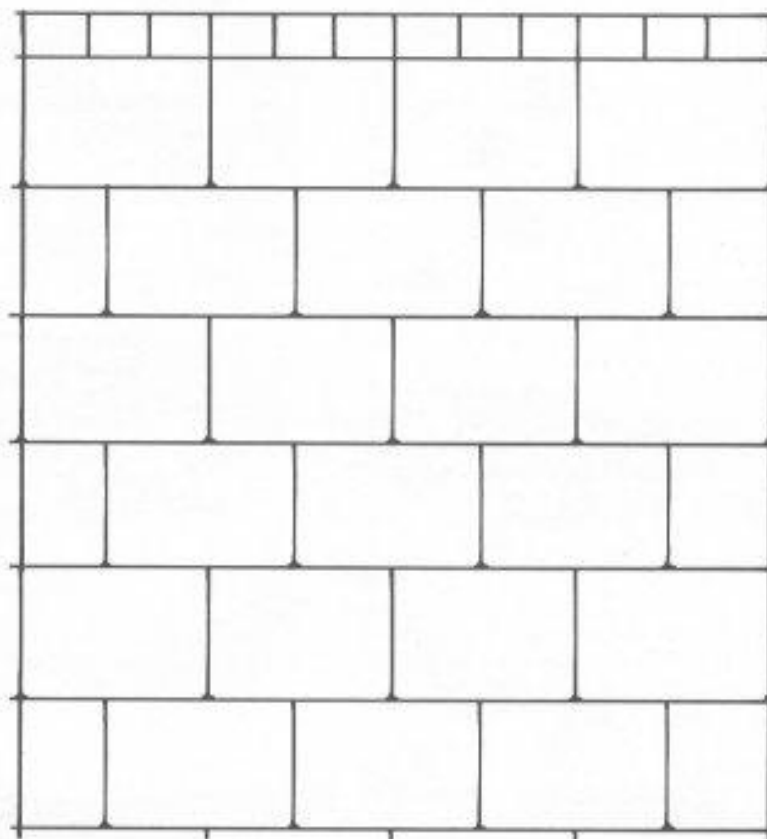


Barn
Front View

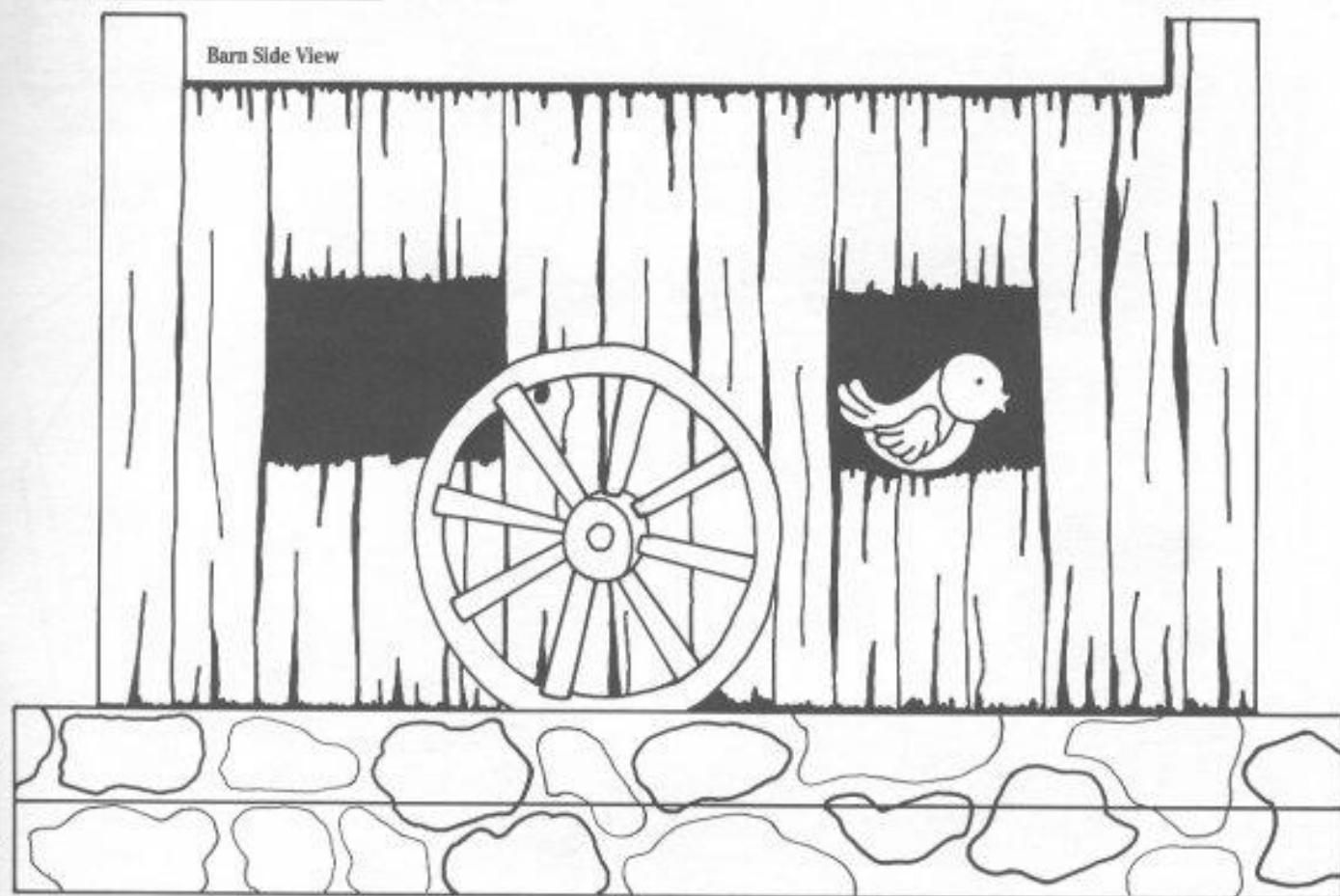
Paint-Seal roof Slate Grey. Add transparent
bloches of Georgia Clay. Shade shingles
with Ebony Black. Highlight edges of
shingles with Ebony Black and Georgia
Clay.



Spatter



Barn Side View



Cat Cottage

by Patty Cox

FRONT COVER PHOTO B
WALNUT HOLLOW BIRD HOUSE:

11103 Medium Sunny Chalet
(4 1/4" x 7 1/8" x 4 1/2")

DECOART AMERICANA PAINT COLORS:

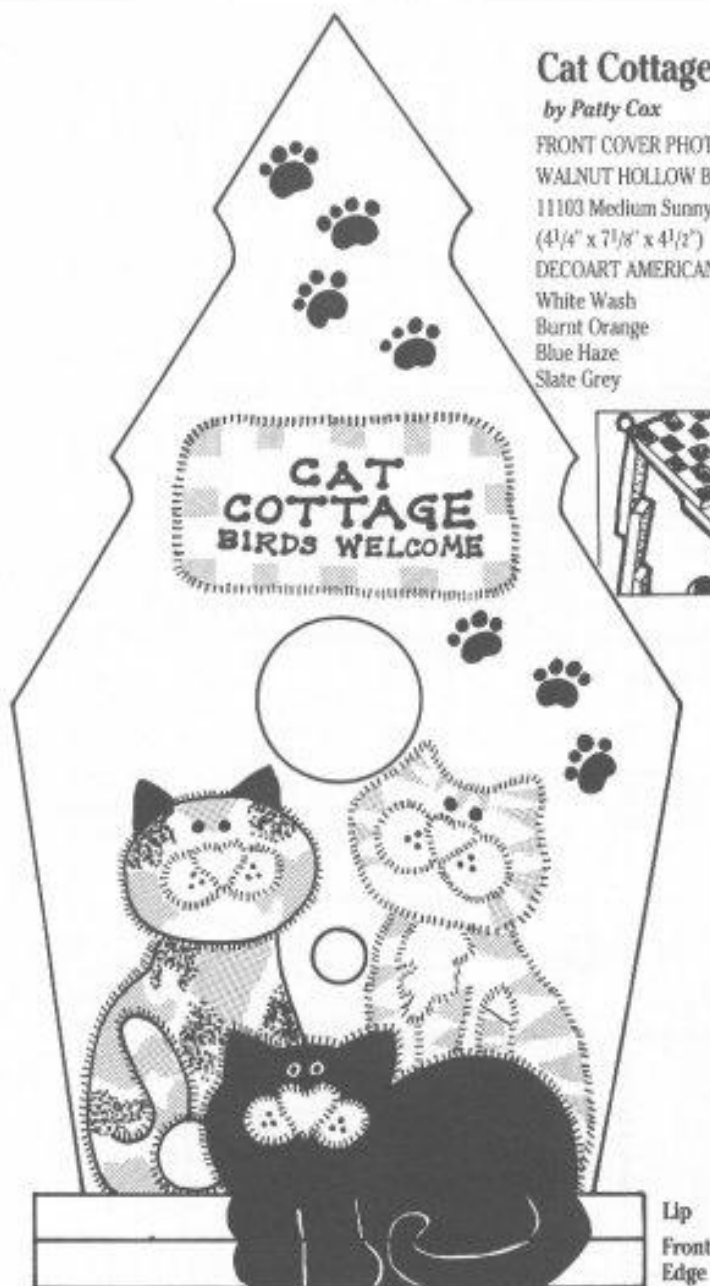
White Wash	Ebony Black
Burnt Orange	Desert Turquoise
Blue Haze	Antique Gold
Slate Grey	



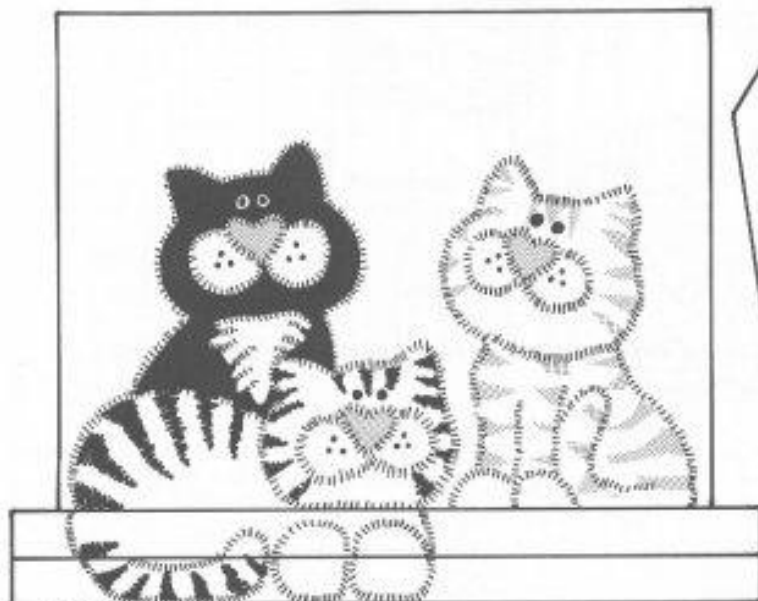
INSTRUCTIONS: 1. **Paint-Seal** roof with White Wash. **Paint-Seal** walls, base and under eaves with Desert Turquoise. 2. Transfer patterns. 3. **Sponge** 1/2" Burnt Orange squares on roof in a checkerboard pattern. **Sponge** walls with Blue Haze. 4. Paint cat paws on roof and walls Ebony Black.

5. **CATS:** Paint 3 cats in each of the following colors: White Wash, Antique Gold, Ebony Black and Slate Grey. Paint White muzzles on each cat. 6. **Sponge** White cat with Black and Burnt Orange spots. 7. Paint Burnt Orange markings on Gold cat. Paint neck and tip of tail White. 8. Paint White eyes on Black cat. 9. Paint Black tiger markings on Slate Grey cat.

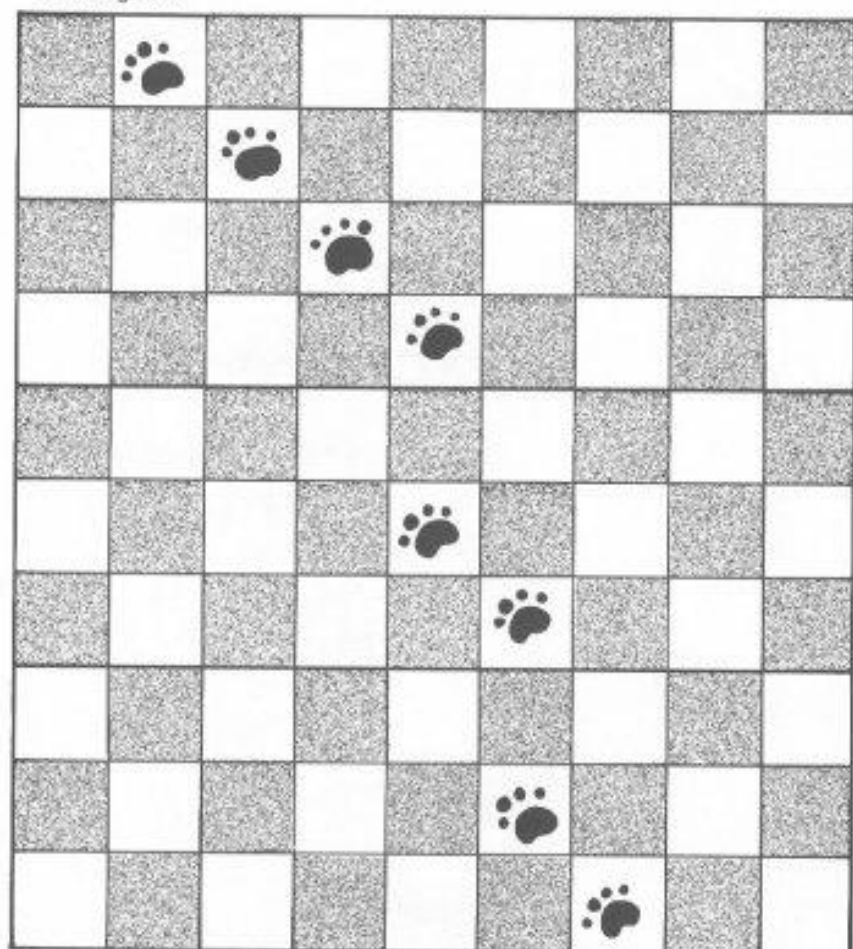
10. Surround all cats with short Black lines indicating hair. **Outline** Black cat's legs with White 'hair'. 11. Paint sign White with Burnt Orange squares. Paint lettering Black. 12. Finish with clear matte acrylic spray.



Lip
Front
Edge



Cat Cottage Roof



Noah's Ark

by Patty Cox

FRONT COVER PHOTO B
WALNUT HOLLOW BIRD HOUSE:
11103 Small Wren Cottage
(2 1/8" x 2 1/2" x 6")

DECOART AMERICANA PAINT COLORS:

Antique White	Navy Blue
Burgundy Wine	Antique Gold
Mistletoe	White Wash
Dioxazine Purple	Dark Pine
Peaches 'n Cream	Burnt Orange
Burnt Sienna	Fleshstone
Slate Grey	

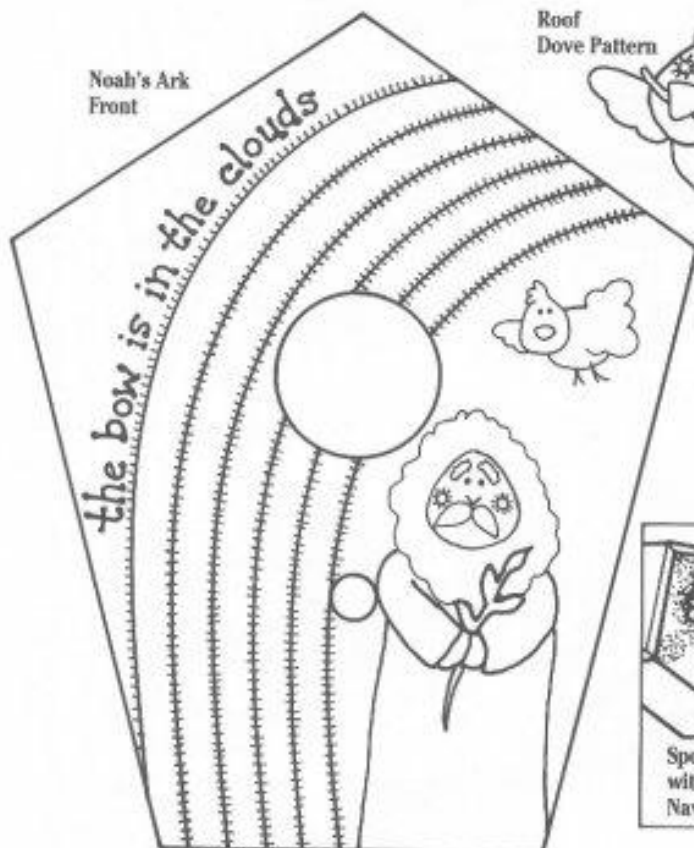
INSTRUCTIONS: 1. **Paint-Seal** house Antique White. **Paint-Seal** roof and base with Navy Blue. Let dry. 2. **Sponge** walls lightly with Navy Blue. **Sponge** roof with mixture of Navy Blue and Antique White.

3. Transfer the patterns. Paint the Rainbow segments: Burgundy Wine, Antique Gold, Mistletoe, Navy Blue and Dioxazine Purple. 4. Paint the doves White Wash with Antique Gold beaks. Paint the olive branch Dark Pine. Paint the cheeks Peaches 'n Cream and the feet Burnt Orange.

5. Paint the lions Antique Gold with Burnt Orange manes and Peaches 'n Cream cheeks and inner ears. 6. Paint the monkeys Burnt Sienna, with Fleshstone faces, tummies and inner ears. 7. Paint the Bunnies Real white

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Noah's Ark
Front

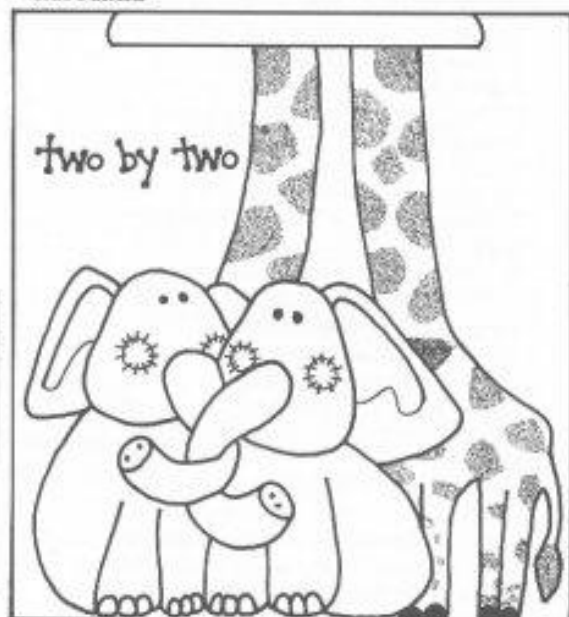


Roof
Dove Pattern



Side Pattern

Roof Giraffe Pattern



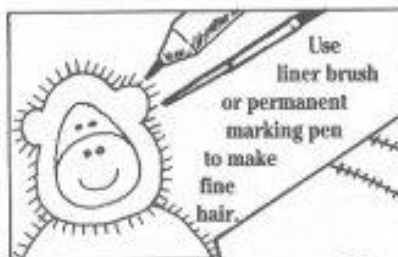
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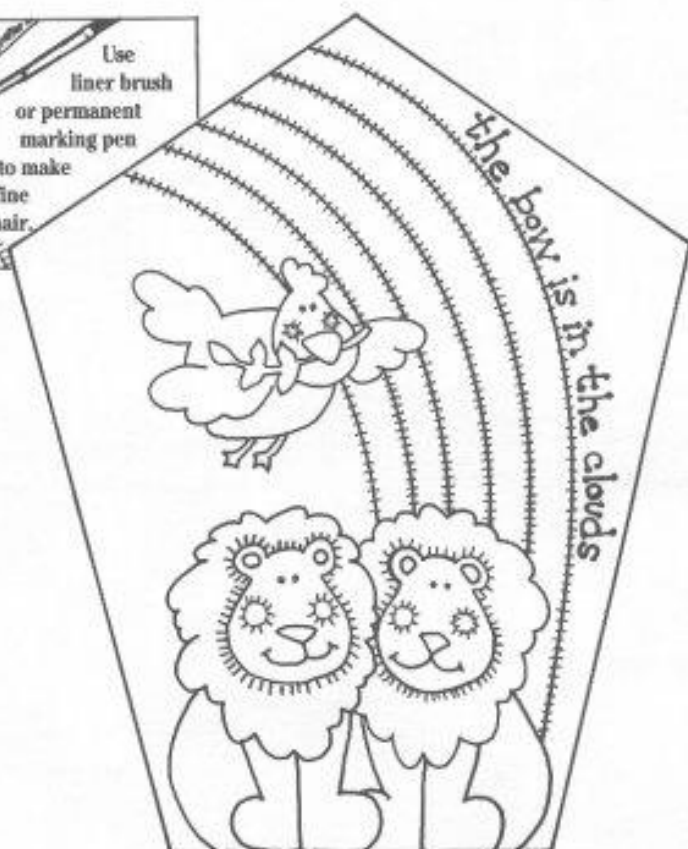
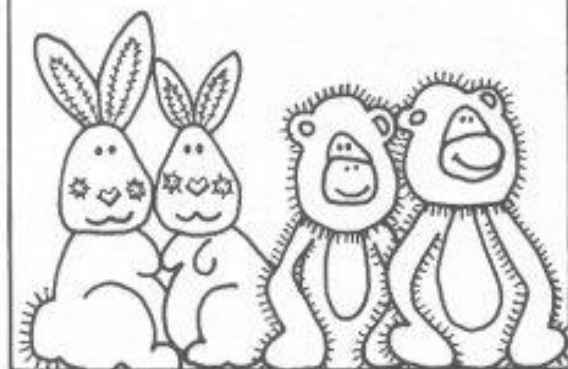
with Peaches 'n Cream nose, cheeks and inner ears.

8. Paint Noah's robe Burnt Sienna. Paint his beard, eyebrows and moustache White Wash. Paint his face and hands Fleshtone. Paint the olive branch Mistletoe. Add Peaches 'n Cream cheeks.

9. Paint the giraffes Antique Gold with Burnt Sienna spots. Paint the shutters and window trim Slate Grey. 10. Paint the elephants Slate Grey with Peaches 'n Cream cheeks, ears and toes. 11. Finish with clear matte acrylic spray.



...seven by seven
and two by two...



Clock House

FRONT COVER PHOTO C
WALNUT HOLLOW BIRD HOUSE:
11103 Large Flock Home
(6 1/2" x 14" x 6")

Walnut Hollow clock movement for 3/4" housing. Black clock face and hands

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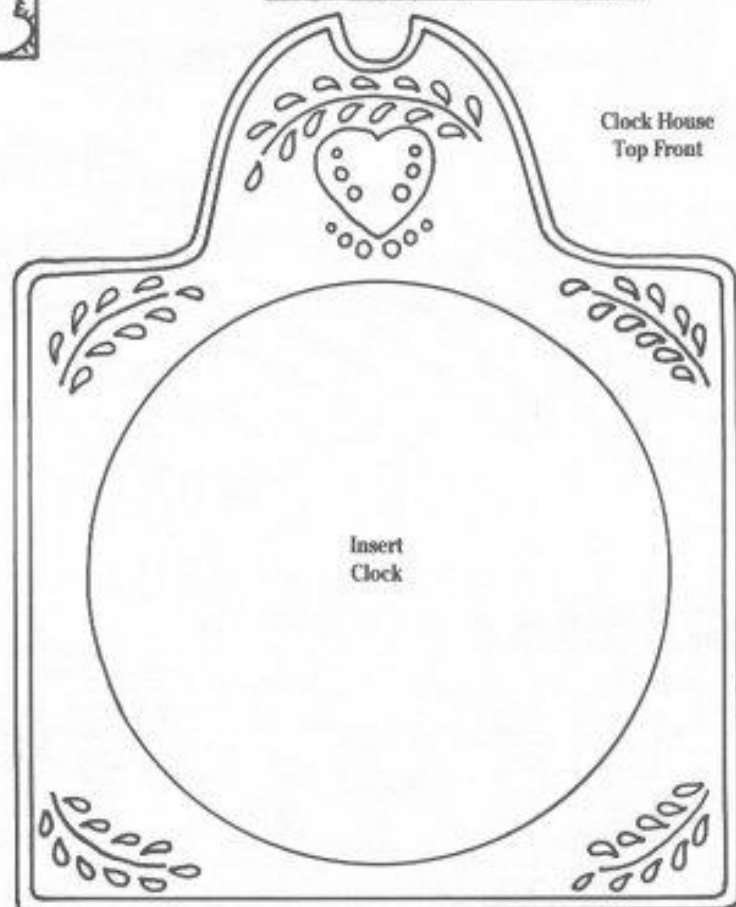
Yellow Ochre	Peaches 'n Cream
Evergreen	Mississippi Mud
Antique Gold	Glorious Gold
Ebony Black	Raw Sienna

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Gently remove bottom of birdhouse by tapping with hammer. 2. Transfer patterns for ovals and clock face trim. **Paint-Seal** ovals and clock face trim with Yellow Ochre. **Paint-Seal** roof and base Ebony Black. 3. **Shade** inside edges of ovals and clock face area with a Mississippi Mud wash.

4. Transfer pattern details. 5. Paint stems Evergreen. Paint hearts Peaches 'n Cream. Paint the pendulum below the clock area Glorious Gold. Paint the spaces between the 'legs' Ebony Black. **Outline** ovals and clock face area Yellow Ochre. **Shade** around large heart with Raw Sienna.

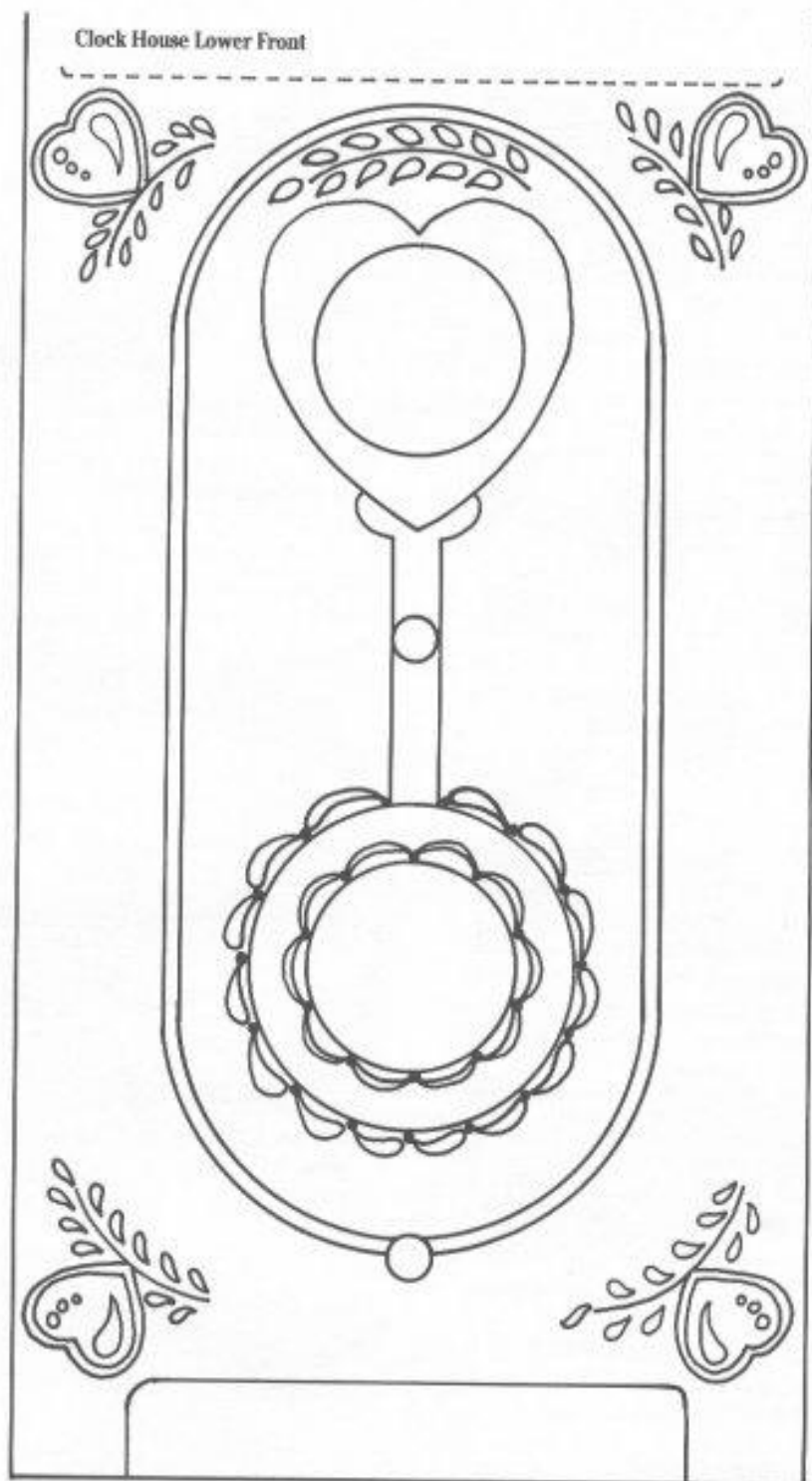
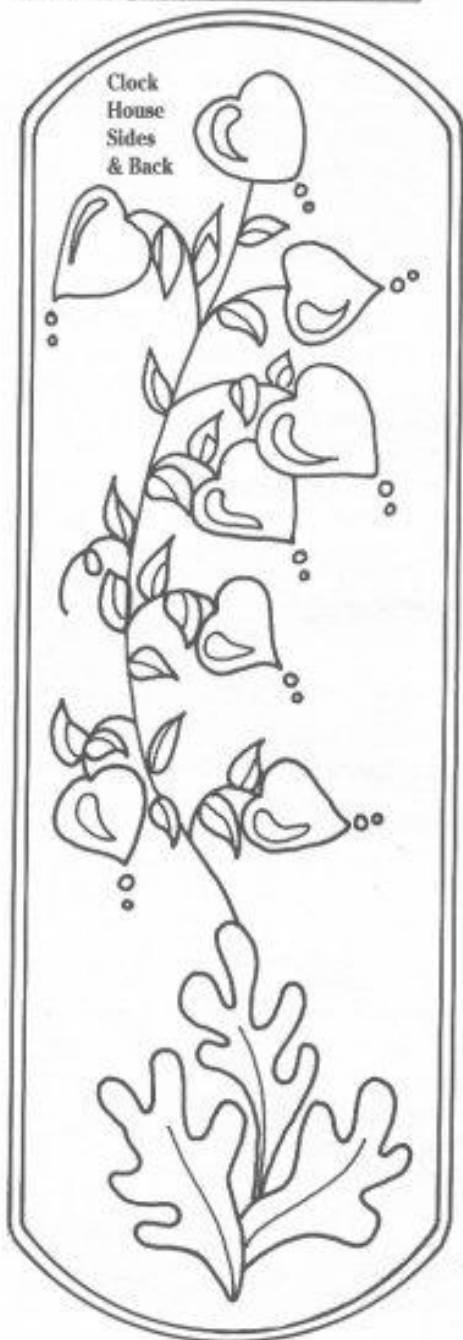
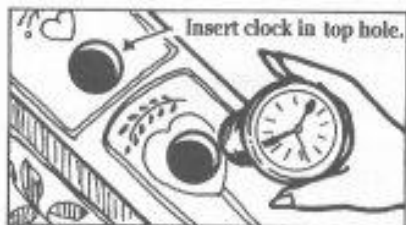
6. Paint small leaves on the front Peaches 'n Cream. Paint one side of each leaf Antique Gold. Paint small leaves on sides and back of house Evergreen. Paint one side of each leaf Antique Gold. 7. Paint large leaves Evergreen.

Clock House
Top Front



Dry brush area surrounding large leaves Evergreen and Antique Gold.

8. Paint 2 dowel rods Peaches 'n Cream. Paint a Peaches 'n Cream Comma-Stroke on one side of each heart. Paint Yellow Ochre Dots in each heart on front of clock. 9. Insert dowels in the 2 lower holes. 10. Finish clock with clear matte acrylic spray. 11. Insert clock in top hole following manufacturer's instructions.



Although we find painted bird houses more attractive than birds do, we can enjoy it all...the beauty of each different bird and the individual personality of each type of bird. Either make bird houses merely decorative or make them functional! Some birds require the nesting area to be cleaned out every year. They want to return to build a new nest and to raise their young. *"A Golden Guide of Birds"* is an inexpensive book which will tell you about the birds in your region.

Glossary of Painting Terms



Paint-Seal. Mix equal parts of Water-Base Varnish and acrylic paint. Use to paint the first coat of paint (on raw wood only).



Paint. Apply one coat of acrylic paint to any area with a brush. Allow to dry. Apply a second coat if necessary.



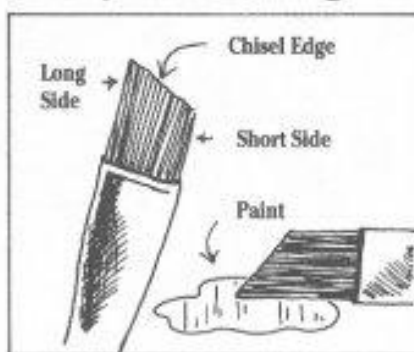
Wash. Dilute paint with enough water to make it very transparent. Always test color before applying.



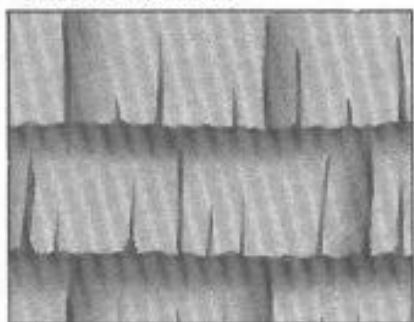
Sponge. Wet a small sponge then squeeze out water. Dip sponge in a puddle of paint. Blot paint on Palette Paper then dab sponge color onto wood surface.



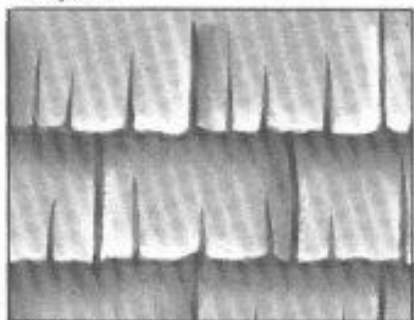
Stipple. Using an old brush loaded with diluted WET paint, work brush on Palette Paper until there is hardly any paint left in brush. Dab gently, dotting with color.



Float. Using an 'angle brush,' dip it into water, blot on a paper towel leaving some water in brush. Dip the longer side of brush into a puddle of paint. Stroke brush up and down on Palette Paper until color graduates to clear WATER on the short side of brush. Paint. Used for shading and highlighting.

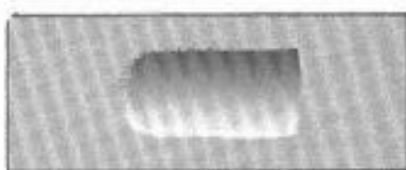


Shade. 'Float' a dark paint color to make shadows on background area or on an object.



Highlight. 'Float' a light paint color to make light on background area or on an object.

Transparent. 'Float' paint color with more WATER dilution of color. Some areas will be only water, no color.



Double-Load. Using a flat brush, dip one corner of brush into a color of paint. Dip the other corner into another color. Blend together using up and down brushes.

Outline. Using a 10/0 liner brush, DILUTE paint with water to the consistency of ink. Keep brush in its most upright position for FINE LINES.



Cross-Hatch. Paint fine lines, first in one direction, next in the opposite direction.

Dot. Use a fresh puddle of paint. Dip one end of the brush handle into paint. Make DOTS on piece.

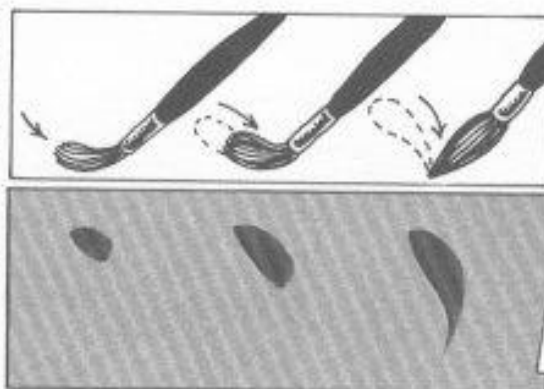
Dot-Hearts. Make two 'Dots' very close together. Pull paint down to form the point of a heart.



Leaf-Stroke. Blend paint into a flat brush. Touch. Apply slight pressure while pushing up to the right. (Left handed persons do opposite, to left.) Release pressure and end on point with chisel edge. Lift off.



Comma-Stroke. Load brush with diluted paint. Using a round brush, press brush down on surface, pull, and gradually let up on pressure. Lift off surface.



To make a bird house functional, gently tap the base off of the bird house and remove the nails. Reapply the base in the same position. Attach it with wood screws or small hinges. This will enable you to remove the base for easy cleaning before the new nesting season begins. Also, leave the opening to the entry hole unpainted. A bird will not enter the diameter of a painted entry.

Basic Tips and Instructions for Bird Houses II

Attract colorful songbirds to your yard by providing them with a safe, secure 'family home'. Unique painting techniques assure you of professional results every time. Easy-to-paint birdhouses can also provide stunning accents of interior decor. Add a clock, a mushroom bird or Spanish moss to create an heirloom which will be treasured for decades to come!

Basic Materials:

Walnut Hollow® wooden bird house
DecoArt Americana acrylic paint
Water-base varnish
Tracing paper, graphite paper, disposable palette paper
Sandpaper, wood filler, clear matte acrylic spray.
Optional: artificial birds, Spanish moss, straw, hot glue
Brushes: 10/0 liner, 3/4 & 1/4 angle, flat, round



1. Sand Wood. Fill any nicks, cracks or holes with wood filler. Let dry. Use fine sandpaper to sand birdhouse with the grain of the wood. Wipe off sanding

dust with a soft 'tack' cloth. To smooth wood, rub it with a brown paper grocery sack.



2. Trace Pattern from book onto tracing paper. Transfer designs on wood with graphite paper. Transfer only the primary designs (basic out-lines of

siding, windows, doors, etc.), omitting the small details which require overpainting.



3. Paint Design. Paint basic design areas with acrylic paints, and allow to dry. Next transfer patterns for secondary designs (door knobs, lettering, and

other details). Paint details. Shade and Highlight siding, shingles and background area.



4. Shade & Highlight. Shade beneath siding, shingles, around windows, doors, etc., with a wash of darker paint thinned with water. Highlight

with a wash of lighter-toned paint. For 'transparent glazes', thin paint with even more water. Paint is floated with an angle brush.



5. Spatter. Give texture to roof or other area with tiny dots of color. Dip an old toothbrush into thin paint. Run a knife or fingernail across toothbrush

bristles. Hold brush a few inches from the piece you are Spattering. Test first.



6. Prepare for Bird. If intended for functional use, the house can not contain materials harmful to birds: styrofoam, or wire. Also, the base should be removable for annual cleaning. (Tap the base loose then use screws or hinges to attach the house to its base.)



7. Add Ornaments. If your bird house is merely decorative, and intended for indoor use, you may wish to add details such as artificial birds or nests

made of excelsior or Spanish moss. Insert moss in entry holes and hot glue in place. Glue bird on perch.



8. Spray Finish. Spray the completed house with a clear, matte-finish acrylic sealer. This finish will make a birdhouse more impervious to dust or soil.

If it is intended for outdoor use, spray on several coats of matte-finish acrylic sealer.

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