

PATRIOTIC PINS

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* I have provided a few examples of the pins I have painted.

A lot of the details are optional...i.e.: vines, stitching...even the shading and highlighting!

Palette:

Deco Art Americana
Antique Maroon
Burnt Umber
Buttermilk
Deep Midnight Blue
Hot Shots Fiery Red
Light Buttermilk
Payne's Grey
Rookwood Red
Soft Black

Brushes:

Loew-Cornell Golden Taklon
Series 7150 Wash #1/2 (floating)
Series DM Stippler #1/8 (dry-brushing)
Series 7300 Shaders #4 and/or #6 (stripes)
Series 271 Maxine's Foamie (edging)
Series 7050 Script Liners #18/0 (vines)

Optional:

Star stencil
Identi-pen (permanent ink pen)
Gold Glitter Spray



Surfaces: The various shapes used were picked up at various locations: You could check your local craft supply shop or with Bear With Us, Micheals, Woodworks, etc.

Basic Instructions:

Step 1: Base the entire surface in Buttermilk (or any off-white color).

*I mixed my basecoat color with a sealer (DA-Multi Purpose Sealer), to seal and base at the same time.

*OR you can also spray them with an off-white or ivory paint (matte) - much faster, if you are painting multiples.

Step 2: Sand the rough edges and the tops for a smooth painting surface. *I like Super Film (fine sanding paper).

Step 3: Base the Union of the flag in a dark wash of Deep Midnight Blue

*You can transfer the design or pencil off the union -quick- or freehand -quickest.

Step 4: Add the stripes in a dark wash of Rookwood Red. Use a good flat brush-on my pins I used a #4 for most of the stripes, really depends on the size of the flag.

*Note: About the stripes...it is politically correct to have the color red as the top stripe, and that the stripe under the union be the white one. I, however, like to paint stylized flags, like vines around the union, or what have you...well in some cases... I liked the vines on a dark color (red) so sometimes they are red right under the union..., which is not "politically correct" so you do what you like. Make yourself happy!!

Step 5: Shade (side-load) Burnt Umber on the white stripes, and with Antique Maroon on the red stripes.

*I shaded both sides of the stripes and the stripes next to the union.

Step 6: Stencil (or paint them however you like!) the stars on with Buttermilk. (For lighter stars, use Light Buttermilk.)

Step 7: Shade the union with Payne's Grey (a really dark blue). *You can shade all the way around the union OR just on the tops of the pins, whichever you like.

Step 8: *OPT. Drybrush with Hot Shots Fiery Red for the highlight through the center of the red stripes, and with Light Buttermilk (or white) through the center of the white stripes.

**I use a 'dry' small DM Stippler to do this, or if you have a favorite scruffy you like to use...load with paint, swirl on palette to distribute the color through the bristles, and then swirl off excess on a dry paper towel. Use a soft touch to start with, and increase pressure as needed for it to show up.*

Step 9: The sides of the heart are finished with Soft Black. **I used the Maxine's Foamie brush, moistened and then loaded with Soft Black...held my pin with painted side down...and the foamie pointed upwards...and as I pulled it along the edge, it carries over onto the top with an outline...so it looks like I have outlined the top of the heart...really neat effect! This is the quickest way I found to finish those sides!*

Step 10: OPT. Vines were stroked on with my fine (18/0) liner...(around the union)...I loaded my brush in (inky) Burnt Umber and stroked it through (inky) Buttermilk, and weaved in/out of the union area. Adjust the color as you move in the dark/light areas of the flag. This is a really nice effect, and they will look a little different from other flags. You can spatter the pins with Burnt Umber if you like...another option.

Step 11: Ready to varnish...I brushed on a couple coats, or you can spray on the varnish if you like.

Step 12: I used an Identi-pen to place stitches around the outside of the heart, or you can stitch the stripes if you like.... OR you can skip this detail if you like!

On the back of the pins you can write something like if you want:

Red for Courage

White for Purity

Blue for Loyalty

*Be sure to sign your name and put the date on the back of your pins!

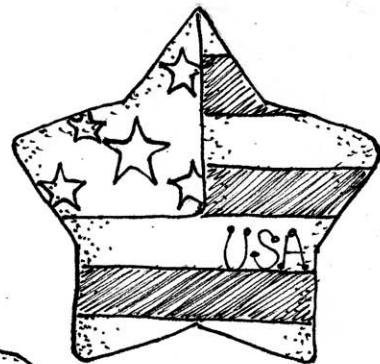
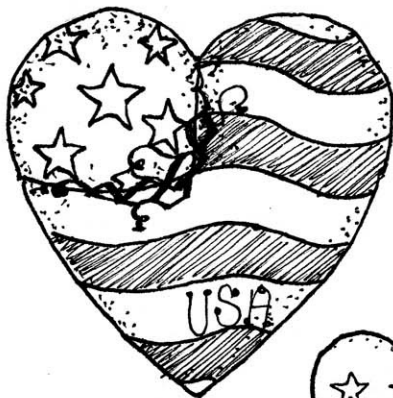
Step 13: *OPT. *Lightly* mist pins with Gold glitter.... gives a warm, sparkly effect.

Step 14: Glue pin backs on...and God Bless America! Happy 4th of July! :o)

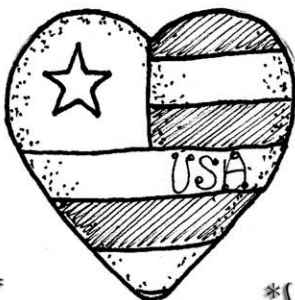
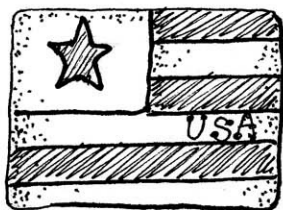


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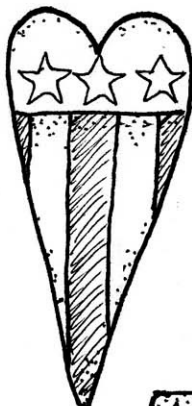


Stenciling the stars = quick!



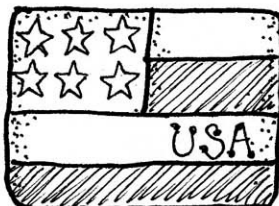
*Vines = optional.

*When stenciling, vary the size of the stars.



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Stitching around the edges = optional!



* I created these pin designs right after 9/11. Feel free to share these quick little pins with your friends/groups.



~Misc. Pin Examples~

