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Daffodils and Pussy Willow Heart Box

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What better way to announce spring than a decorative box with sunny daffodils and pussy willow accents.

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SUPPLIES

Americana® Acrylics

- Banana Cream (DA309)
- Burnt Umber (DAO64)
- Cadmium Yellow (DAO10)
- Country Blue (DAO41)
- Evergreen (DAO82)
- Grey Sky (DA111)
- Hauser Light Green (DA131)
- Hauser Medium Green (DA132)
- Lemonade (DA252)
- Naphthol Red (DA104)
- Payne's Grey (DA167)
- Peaches 'n Cream (DAO23)
- Warm White (DA239)

Metallic Lustre®

- Silver Spark (ML03C)

Primers, Sealers, and Finishes

- DuraClear® Satin Varnish (DS21)

Other supplies

- water container
- palette or plastic plate
- paper towels
- 3/4" flat brush
- #2 liner brush
- #8 flat brush
- #4 flat brush
- #12 flat brush
- #1 liner brush
- 1/2" mop brush
- #6/0 liner brush
- heart-shaped box ([Ideal Wooden Products](#))

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Basecoat the entire box with a 1:1 mixture of Country Blue and Snow White.
2. Background: Wash around the edge of the box's top with a mix of the Country Blue/Snow White mix and Payne's Grey. Soften with a 1/2" mop brush.
3. Highlight the inside of the upper right curve with Banana Cream.
4. The edge of the lid and the bottom matching band are one coat of the Country Blue/Snow White/Payne's Grey mix from step 2.



5. Leaves: Basecoat with one coat of Hauser Medium Green; shade with a mix of Hauser Medium Green and Evergreen. Highlight with Hauser Light Green.
6. Shade again with Evergreen; highlight again with Lemonade.
7. Random tints are a mix of Peaches 'n Cream and Naphthol Red.
8. Daffodils: Basecoat the petals with a mix of Banana Cream and Snow White. Basecoat the trumpet with just Banana Cream.
9. Shade the petals with a mix of Banana Cream and highlight with Snow White.
10. Highlight the petals again with Warm White.
11. Shade the petals and trumpet with Cadmium Yellow.
12. If needed, highlight the petals again with Warm White.
13. Shade the trumpet with a mix of Cadmium Yellow, a touch of Naphthol Red, and a touch of Peaches 'n Cream.
14. Shade inside of the trumpet with a sheer float of Naphthol Red.
15. Ruffle the edges of the trumpet with a mix of Naphthol Red and Peaches 'n Cream.
16. Highlight below the inside shading with a float of mix of Banana Cream and Snow White.
17. If needed, highlight edges with a sheer float of Snow White on the edges of the petals.
18. Pussy willows: The stems are Burnt Umber.
19. Using a sharp, chisel-edged #4 flat brush, the puffs are a load of Grey Sky; tip one corner with a tiny dot of Burnt

Umber; and lay the other side into Snow White. Stand the brush on the chisel edge and slightly push up without lifting the brush from the surface. (It is a slight rocking motion to the top of the brush.)

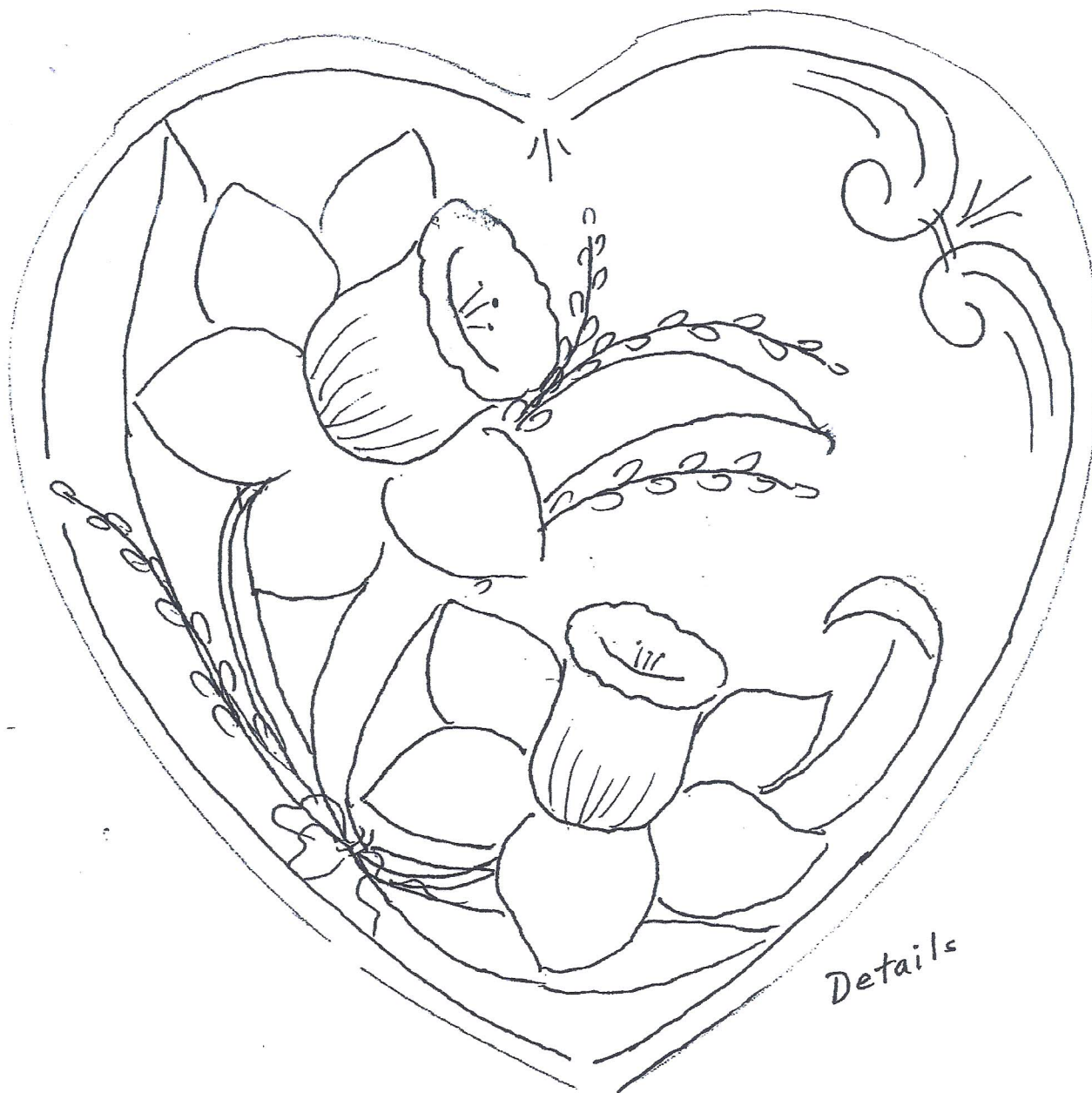
20. The Burnt Umber dot is attached to the stem and the Snow White side of the top of the puff.
21. The puffs alternate up the stem.
22. Finishing details: The sides of the lid and bottom section of the box are finger-rubbed with Silver Spark.
23. The stripe above the bottom section of the box is a mix of the yellow colors. (You could choose any color or colors from the palette.)
24. Mark off the border design on the box bottom in 1" sections.
25. The lines; strokes on the top; stroke work border on the sides; and ribbon are Snow White with a touch of the Country Blue/Snow White mix.
26. Varnish with three coats of DuraClear Satin Varnish, allowing to dry between coats.



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Border - 1" sections



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