

**Surface & Supplies:**

Wooden Heart (approx. 6-1/2” x 6-1/2”)

Black Craft Wire

Krylon 1311 Matte Finish

**Optional:**

Laurie Speltz Backgrounds Template – (IJO5 Background B – dots)

.35 Prismacolor Marker (or any permanent black ink – fine point); or you can just use thinned black paint.

DecoArt Staining- Antiquing Medium

**Americana Paint:**

Sand	Camel	Lamp Black	Milk Chocolate	Golden Straw
Blue Haze	Blue Mist	Hauser Med. Green	Melon	Burgundy Wine
Titanium White	Avocado Dip			

**Robert Simmons Expression Brushes:**

#2, #6, #16 Flats E60	1/8” Stencil Brush 960	#2 Round E85
1/4” and 3/8” Angles E57	3/8” Mop E52	18/0 Liner E51

*I mixed Milk Chocolate with the Staining-Antiquing Medium to paint the back and sides of this project.*

**Let’s Paint!**

- Basecoat the surface with Sand.
- Lightly drybrush-stencil Camel dots in the background. You could also use a checkerboard stencil if you don’t have the dots template.
- Transfer the pattern outlines, then transfer the details as needed.
- Basecoat the bee’s face and body with Golden Straw.
- Basecoat the sign and post with Blue Mist.
- Doubleload the stencil brush with Hauser Medium Green and Avocado Dip and pounce in the grass along the bottom.
- Using Lamp Black:
  - Paint the word “Welcome”. (Thin the paint with water if needed.) Do not leave a space for the little flowers on the letters, you can just paint the word normally. Later, we will add the dotted flowers.
  - Paint the bee’s head, stripe, arms and legs.
  - Add the bee’s antennae and dot the ends.
  - Paint the eyes, lashes, brows, and mouth. (Let dry.)
- Drybrush the cheeks with Melon.
- Dot the nose with Melon.
- Paint the pink flower petals with Melon.
- Add the pink flower centers with Golden Straw.
- Paint the flower stems and leaves with Avocado Dip.
- Highlight the (pink) flower centers with Sand.
- Using Milk Chocolate:
  - Shade the outer edge of the heart.
  - Shade the yellow parts of the bee.

- Shade the bottoms of the (pink) flower centers.
- Using Titanium White:
  - Paint the wings.
  - Float highlights in the eyes.
  - Dot the eyes.
  - Dot the flower petals on the letters.
  - Add dots on the (pink) flower centers.
- Shade the nose and the (pink) flower petals with Burgundy Wine.
- Shade the sign with Blue Haze.
- Write the word “Spring” on the sign and add the outline stitches around the heart either with the marker or with thinned Lamp Black paint.
- Dot the letters of the word “Spring” with Lamp Black.
- Shade the wings with Blue Mist.
- Highlight the black parts of the bee (head, arms, and legs) with Golden Straw.
- Add Golden Straw dots in the centers of the white flowers.
- Shade the (pink) flower stems and leaves with Hauser Medium Green.

**Finishing:**

- Lightly spray with Krylon to seal.
- Drill holes where indicated on the pattern.
- Cut a 6” length of wire. Thread the ends through from back to front and curl.



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