

# *Rejoice* Mug Insert

## **Decoart Americana Palette:**

Avocado Dip  
Bleached Sand  
Blue Haze  
Bluegrass Green  
Butter  
Cadmium Orange  
Cranberry Wine  
Desert Sand  
Evergreen  
Holly Green  
Honey Brown  
Light French Grey Blue  
Midnite Green  
Milk Chocolate  
Snow White  
True Red  
Tuscan Red

## **Brushes, Additional Supplies**

Well worn white graphite  
Stylus  
Satin Acrylic Varnish  
#4, #8, #12, 3/4" flats  
#1 script liner  
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**Surface Source:** the travel mug and additional canvas inserts are available from Distinctive Brushstrokes, T:616-874-1656. Website: [www.distinctivebrushstrokes.com](http://www.distinctivebrushstrokes.com). The canvas insert was cut slightly larger than the insert size of 10 1/4" x 4". When painting is complete, trim the piece carefully using the mug template.

## **Painting Instructions:**

Basecoat: Blue Haze. Apply two thin layers, letting dry completely and sanding lightly between basecoats.

## **Cookies:**

Basecoat: one layer of Desert Sand  
1st Shade: sideload float of Honey Brown  
1st Highlight: sideload float in mix of Desert Sand + Butter (1:1)  
Sugar Crystal Details: dampen the surface of the cookies, then using the tip of your liner brush, dab with Snow White  
Frosting Details: frost the star with one thin layer of Desert Sand. 'Sprinkle' with dots of Holly Green, True Red, Snow White. Let dry. Highlight the left side of the frosting with a sideload float of Snow White.  
Outline: the cookie openings with thin lines of Desert Sand, highlighted with top lines of Snow White  
2nd Shade: soften the details into the cookies with a sideload float of Milk Chocolate

2nd Highlight: reinforce the 1st highlight areas with a sideload float of Butter

### **Cup of Cocoa:**

Basecoat Cup: one layer of Bleached Sand

1st Shade: soft sideload float of Light French Grey Blue

1st Highlight: the back curve of the mug, and the center front of the mug with a sideload and/or back-to-back float of Snow White

Details: thick lines of Tuscan Red for the rim, band and handle of the mug. Shade with top lines of Cranberry Wine and highlight with top lines of Cadmium Orange. Paint the 'trees' with linework of Holly Green, then dot with True Red.

Cocoa: sheer wash of Honey Brown, shaded around the lower edge with a sideload float of Milk Chocolate

2nd Shade: deepen the 1st shade areas with an additional sideload float of Blue Haze

2nd Highlight: reinforce the first highlight areas with an additional sideload float, back-to-back of Snow White

3rd Shade: deepen the outside edges of the cup if needed with an additional soft sideload float in a mix of Blue Haze + a touch of Cranberry Wine

### **Christmas Tree Stirrer:**

Basecoat: Holly Green

Shade: sideload float of Midnite Green

Highlight: sideload float in a mix of Holly Green + a touch of Snow White. Detail with dots of True Red and Snow White. Outline the left side with a mix of Avocado Dip + touch of Snow White.

**Vining:** using a #1 script liner, pull thin nervous vining lines in a brush mix of Milk Chocolate and Honey Brown, highlighted with touches of Desert Sand as needed.

### **Holly Leaves:**

Basecoat: Evergreen

Shade: to separate and define the leaves with a sideload float of Midnite Green

Veinlines: thin lines of Avocado Dip

Highlight: the outside edges of some leaves with your choice of Avocado Dip and/or Bluegrass Green

**Berries:** dots of True Red, highlighted with tiny dots of Cadmium Orange

**Lettering:** linework in a thinned mix of True Red + a touch of Cranberry Wine. Shade with top lines of Cranberry Wine and highlighted with top lines of Cadmium Orange.

**Finishing:** brush on 1 layer of your favorite satin Acrylic Varnish. Cut carefully to match mug insert template and insert into mug. The recommended handling of the mug is to hand wash without soaking.

### **Enjoy!**

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