

Happy Tree

Painting Patterns

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Paint pattern chronology



Original pattern on ¼" Masonite



Finished carving, cleaned up and paint-ready



1st paint pattern – 4 colors, basic color theme



2nd paint pattern – 6 colors, Xmas decorative
attempt – green was too dark and glossy



3rd paint pattern – six colors, light fern green with light brown over brush – great result



Conclusions

1. Start with a basic color palette (3-5 color set)
2. Go for an authentic color selection
3. Use lighter, wash coats for grain, texture and carving pattern emphasis
4. Use light over-wash for accenting features