

Mystery of the Ocean Box

Using the blunt end of a make-up sponge, smear DecoArts Dazzling Metallics Crystal Green and FolkArt Metallic Blue Pearl acrylic paints over the surface of a large unfinished 6-sided box, including the lid and bottom of box. Let dry. Using black gesso and sponge brush, paint inside of box, and let dry. Overpaint gesso with Plaid's Glaze Vernis in Malachite. Paint the inside box top with Crystal Green.

Start by stamping Sand with metallic copper paint in a flowing pattern at the bottom of each of the six panels. Sponge black-green paint onto Gingko stamps and stamp at various locations around all the corners of the box. Let paint dry and trace over the outline of the paint with Emboss pen, and color inside the stamped image (the blank area) also. Emboss with Mystic Rainbow EP. Next stamp and emboss the Oriental Carp in various positions around the box. Color in with Ultimate Glitter pens and emboss with clear EP. Position remaining stamps in an underwater scene, color with pens or the Emboss pen and emboss with clear EP to set. On the treasure chest, emboss with a combo of gold, verdigris, and copper - set with clear EP and highlight with a brown pen to accentuate. Each time you emboss, the powder gets wider and thus, less distinct, so the images will be less-than-crisp. In practice though, I hadn't found any way around this problem because you can't color with loose, unset EP nearby without it falling off, or smearing.

When satisfied with the seascape, smear Duo Embossing Adhesive with a chopstick in various places at the bottom of the box to highlight the sparkle of sand and pour crushed pyrite over the adhesive. Knock the excess into a coffee filter, and use a disposable brush to tap the pyrite into the glue while ridding it of excess.

For the cover, stamp the Angel Fish with indigo pigment ink and emboss. Paint with calligraphy ink as desired, highlighting the fins and tails. Using the Emboss Pen, trace over certain areas of the fish body, then emboss with Mystic Rainbow. Stamp the Waterline with indigo ink and repeat with the Mystic Rainbow EP.



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Supplies:

Stamps:

Third Coast RS: Oriental Carp, Stingray, Treasure Chest, Genies Lamp, Gold Goblets, Crab Seascape, Scallop Seascape, and Waterline.

Rubber Stampede: Angel Fish

Fred Mullett: Sea Fan

Sunday Int'l: Koi

Stampia: Gingko

Evolving Images: Fish from plate 6 and Sand from plate A

Hero Arts: Gingko

House Mouse: Fish Bowl

RiverCityRubberWorks: Tropical Fish Border, Fish and Fish

Toybox: Jellyfish

Unknown: Shells, school of fish

Pens:

Fireworks: Firecrackerz blue, green, gold and silver

Schwan Stabilo: Green, yellow, orange

Koh-I-Noor: Black and brown

WetLooks Emboss Pen Blue

American Crafts: Ultimate Glitter pens: gold, green, blue, purple, brown

Penboss: Clear embossing pen

Paints:

DecoArts: Patina Black-green, Dazzling Metallics: Royal Ruby, Crystal Green

Accent Crown Jewels: Empress Blue and Queens Emerald

FolkArt: Metallic Blue Pearl, Metallic Copper

Inks:

Pearlescent: Waterfall Green, Galactic Blue

Dr PhMartins: Iridescent Bronze

Winsor Newton: Light Blue Calligraphy Ink

Embossing Powder:

OldTownCrafts: Ultrafine Purple, Copper

PSX: Rust, Verdigris, clear

Creations Unlimited: Black Forest, Mystic Rainbow

Ranger: Gold

Bmuse: Midnite Turquoise

Stampendous: Pearl Lustre: Amethyst, Rose, Peridot, Sapphire, Garnet, Hematite, Tanzanite, Azurite, Carnelian

Inkpads:

Versacolor: Indigo

Crafters: Black

Misc:

Crushed pyrite, Duo Embellishing Adhesive