

I. Materials Needed

Acrylic Paints

Store

Hobby Lobby
Michael's
Walmart
All stores above

Colors

- Blue Heaven - Honey Brown - Navy Blue - Alizarin Crimson
- Golden Brown
- Territorial Beige - Khaki
- Yellow Ochre - Burnt Umber - White - Black

Brushes

Size

#4 Filbert:
Script #02:
Recommend:

Purpose

- for Face/Skin and Garment/Tunic
- for Fine Detail and Hair
- Purchase Royal & Langnickel Gold Taklon 10pc Acrylic Set at Walmart*
* - Set includes 2/0,1,3,5 Round / 2,6,8 Shader / 2 Fan / 1/2" Wash / #4 Fillbert

Note: Use very sharp scissors to round edges of flat (Shader) brush to create Filbert brush. **Tip:** Use sewing/thread snips

Pallet

- for mixing paint - **Tip:** Use plastic food containers, frozen food trays, pie pans, etc.

Jar/Clear Glass Cup

- for water

Paper Towels

- for dabbing brushes loaded with paint and water between strokes

Cotton Rag

- old clean t-shirts for wiping off paint

Sealer

- Krylon Matte Finish - Can be found in most craft stores, including Walmart

II. Light Wash Method for Staining and Applying Color

The goal is to achieve an antique/worn effect. Mistakes are purposeful and may blend well with the overall effect.

This method of painting is very forgiving. Therefore, enjoy the process.

Instructions for Light Wash Method:

First, prepare pallet by squeezing dime size drop of paint onto pallet surface. Next take a clean brush, dip into water then into paint drop, swirling until mixed well. Repeat 2-3 times or more. If brush is heavy with water and paint then dab on paper towel and proceed with painting. Paint can appear somewhat opaque to translucent on surface. (If you desire, practice painting on different surfaces and develop a rhythm.) Strokes should glide on surface. When using more than one color rinse brush by swishing, swirling in water and dab on paper towel. Change water as needed. **Tip:** Dry brush can aid in lifting unwanted strokes, if done while still wet.

Clean paint brushes at the end of each session. Under running water, gently press brush heads onto bar soap (Ivory preferred), swirling in circles(set soap aside) then place brush heads in palm of hand, swirling in circles until brush is clear of paint and soap. Squeeze water out of brush heads and press into shape. Allow brush to dry standing up.

Painting Figurines:

1) **Begin by staining primed surface using light wash method to create warm base**

Use 1/2" brush and apply generous amounts of Burnt Umber all over figurine. While paint is still wet, take cotton rag and gently wipe all raised areas (Face/Skin, Hair, Garment/Tunic) leaving paint in crevices to define contours. If the first application of the paint appears to be too light then repeat process. Allow surface to dry. Proceed to **Step #2 - Painting Surface with Color.**

2) **Paint Stained Surface with Color using Light Wash Method**

Use #4 Filbert brush and begin painting using Color Guide* below. Apply paint and allow to dry after each application. Repeat 3-4 times in order to achieve light wash appearance. After light-wash effect has been reached, look for areas that need touch-up. Allow surface to dry. Proceed to **Step #3 - Finish.**

OPTIONAL: Color is complete and surface is dry. Apply a very, very light coat of stain (Burnt Umber) to colored surface and gently wipe off while wet. This will darken colored surface and crevices even more.

3) **Finish:** Seal with Krylon Matte Finish - Follow directions on can. Spray entire piece at least 3-4 times.

*Color Guide:	Figurine	Area	Color
Joseph		- Face/Skin	- Golden Brown
		- Hair	- Burnt Umber and Strokes of Black
		- Outside Tunic	- Honey Brown
		- Tunic over Shoulder	- Brown
		- Face/Skin	- Golden Brown
Mary		- Hair	- Burnt Umber and Strokes of Black
		- Veil	- Blue Heaven
		- Tunic	- White
		- Face/Skin	- Golden Brown
		- Hair	- White
Simeon		- Outside Tunic	- Territorial Beige
		- Inner Tunic	- Khaki
		- Prayer Shawl with Fringe	- Khaki (add white to lighten)
		- Skin	- Golden Brown
		- Hair	- White
Anna		- Veil	- Yellow Ochre (add white to lighten)
		- Tunic	- Navy Blue (dab of Alizarin Crimson)
		- Blanket	- Yellow Ochre (add white to lighten), Hair/Face - Golden Brown (Script #02)
		- Nest/Birds	- Nest-Yellow Ochre (add white to lighten), Birds - White
		- Skin	- Golden Brown





