

Hummingbird's Heaven

All colors mentioned are Apple Barrel acrylic paints.

I used a Plaid #10/0 liner brush to create flowers and hummingbird.

I started my Hummingbird's Heaven design with beauty secrets square form nail tips. I polished each nail entirely with 2 coats XXXXX French White nail polish, letting nails dry completely between coats. I used my Plaid #1 fan blender brush to lightly blend wisps of apple pink and satin pink across each nail to give them a peaches and cream appearance. I painted the tips of each nail with apple pink, using my Plaid #4 shader brush. I added small dabbles of burgundy to the very tips of my nails using my old, tattered #4 shader brush. I then added leaves using meadow green, adding shadows and highlights with sea green and turquoise. I painted the roses and buds using hot pink, and added highlights with bubble gum, and shadows with burgundy. I painted the daisy petals using fuchsia, white and burgundy. I painted the middles of my daisies with apricot, and small dots of burnt umber. I painted the lavender flowers using concord grape and lilac dust. Baby's breath was added by clustering dots of Christmas green and white here and there across the design. To finish the flower garden area, I added tiny dots of concord grape randomly across all nails to make it appear as though tiny blossoms were budding throughout my design.

My little hummingbird was brought to life by lightly dabbling spring green acrylic paint for the feathers on his back, and shading them with Christmas green. I painted his tail feathers and wings using satin cream, and burnt umber. I added a hint of spring green to the edges of the tail and wing. I used crimson and burgundy for throat feathers. I used burnt umber and white for his little eye. I painted his beak with burnt umber and highlighted it with apricot.

I finished my design using XXXXX top coat for a high gloss shine.

Photos were taken with Sony Cyber Shot digital camera.