

## Santa at work

Through out this design I use white acrylic to do most of my 3d work. I like to use paint and gel paint to color my design because the colors are more vivid then colored acrylic. Please keep in mind that I use a finish gel that has no sticky layer that needs to be removed.

To start Cover your tips with white gel paint

Sprinkle with fine crystal glitter, and cure. Remove excess glitter.

Cover them with clear gel, Add holographic round pieces around the left side of the 1<sup>st</sup> nail and across the top of all the nails, and down the right side of the 5<sup>th</sup> nail. And cure. Cover with finish gel. Cure.

With a small striper brush make garland with small thin strokes around the nails. Add red berries using a dotting tool, and red gel. Cure

On the fifth nail make a large present with white acrylic, apply blue gel paint and sprinkle with crystal glitter. Cure. Apply finish gel . Cure. Use a med size pearl of white acrylic to make a baby doll head in the corner. Use 2 small white pearls of acrylic for her cheeks. Use 2 med. Size pearls of white acrylic to make her hands and arms. Make creases in her sleeves with a the tip of your brush.

Take a big pearl of white acrylic to make one half of your peppermint in left bottom corner.

Make the other half of the peppermint on the 4<sup>th</sup> tip. To make sure they match up in size fit them side by side. Add acrylic if needed to make them match up.

Paint the baby dolls face and cheeks brown. Use tiny black acrylic balls to make the hair.

Paint a little pink on the cheeks and 2 tiny dots of white. Use black paint to dot the eyes. And a pink mouth.

Paint the dress sleeves with a light pink paint. Use a darker pink to add shading to the sleeves by loading a small flat brush to float on the darker pink.

Put the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> tips together and match up the peppermint halves. Make a tiny dot in the center of your peppermint with red gel paint so the dot is on the edge of each peppermint half. and flash cure for 5 seconds.

Use your striper brush and red gel paint from the outside of the peppermint to the center dot, to make the first stripe very thin and flash cure for 5 seconds. Continue this method and occasionally match up to the 2 nail, to make sure you are putting the stripes in the right places. Use white gel paint with your long striper brush to make the lines on the present. Apply finish gel to the entire nail and cure. Then make your rose on the present by picking up a med size white acrylic pearl and then dip in in the pink acrylic for a two toned rose. To make the leaf dip your brush in green acrylic powder and pick up a med size pearl lay it on the present and pull it out to create the shape and then add tiny balls of pink and yellow. while it is wet press the colors into the green to blend .Use a nail art pen to score the leaf down the center. Then use the art pen to make indents in the leaf for veins. I also blended a little wet blue acrylic into the leaf to give it more depth.

Go back to the 4<sup>th</sup> nail and make the right half of the tree with white acrylic

go to the 3<sup>rd</sup> nail and make the other side of the tree, Match up your tree with the 4th nail so the tip of the tree comes to a point at the top.

Go to the 3<sup>rd</sup> nail and use white acrylic and make the Santa head next to the tree near the middle. Paint the head with flesh colored paint, Use black gel to dot the eyes with your dotting tool..flash cure.

Paint both halves of the tree with one coat of green gel paint, and flash cure periodically so the gel doesn't run before you get done painting it. Then use your striper brush with the same green

gel paint and make lines going outward on the tree from the center of the tree to the ends of the boughs. Just make wispy lines to give it fluidity. Flash cure occasionally so they don't run. Add curls to the ends of the boughs, flash curing as you go.

Use red gel paint and paint the Santa body and hat. Flash cure.

Make your ornament out of white acrylic on the 4<sup>th</sup> nail. Make sure you leave enough room so the black string hangs from the garland to the ornament.

Put clear gel on the ornament and sprinkle silver glitter on it, being careful not to get it on the rest of the design. Cure. Dust off excess. Finish gel, and cure

Take your small striper brush and dip it in clear gel and make wispy strokes on both halves of the tree and sprinkle some fine light green glitter to that and cure.. Dust off excess glitter.

On the 4th nail paint a line from the garland to the ornament and add the bow in black gel paint. Apply clear gel finish to entire nail and cure.

On tip 3 make different sizes of pearls in white acrylic on the hat.

Make the beard with white acrylic, extending a little over the tree.

On Nail #2 make Santa's sack of toys with white acrylic, angeling the top of the sack upward so it looks like the toys have room to spill out. Trench out the inside lip of the sack so you can tuck some rhinestones around the bear later. Add some acrylic pearls on top of the sack to make it look like the sack is bulging. And smooth out the pearls of acrylic a little so when you paint the sack the paint will look smooth.

Make the candy cane tall enough with white acrylic so when you add the bear you can still see a lot of the cane. Make the peppermint off to the side of the candy cane. So you will have room to add little rhinestones between the bear and the peppermint.

Use white acrylic to make the ornament exactly like the first one you made.

Paint the sack with red gel paint. Cure. Add a little purple gel paint to the red and mix. Use this color to add shadowing to the bulging sack. Using the corner of a flat brush drag it through the gel mix and stroke it under the bulges on the sack. Cure.

Add stripes to candy cane using red gel paint

To make the bear use a small pearl of white acrylic to make the head. Making the chin touch the edge of the sack. Add two tiny pearls of white acrylic to the head for ears. And add two arms made from white acrylic that hang down over the sack.

Add a tiny pearl of white acrylic to make the muzzle on the bear under his nose. Let dry a little and then press down on the pearl to make it bigger and keep it round.

Paint the bear with brown gel paint and flash cure. Put finish gel on the bear and cure. Paint the eyes and nose with black paint.

Use clear gel to affix the rhinestones of your choice around the bear. Cure.

Use white gel and a striper brush to make the lines on the purple present. Flash cure.

Make the dogs head with a small white acrylic pearl. Add 2 tiny pearls of white acrylic for cheeks, and one for the nose. Paint the dog with brown paint. Add a dot of pink paint for the eyes and the dogs tongue. Paint the dogs spots, nose and eyes with black gel paint.

Affix the stone to the purple package. Apply finish gel to the entire nail and cure.

Make a rose by dipping the tip of your brush in purple,red, and pink acrylic. Then make the leaves by dipping your brush into green,red,and pink acrylic. Score the leaves with your nail art pen.

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