Hutumn Leaves and Berries



An 11" Plate Drape form was used for the sample photo.

Palette: UGC Original Colors (dry, mix with Glass Medium to melted ice cream consistency) 973D Orange, 972D Lite Red, 975D Brite Yellow

984T Brown (liquid - stir, stir, stir, shake, shake, shake))

UGC NT Colors (dry, mix with Glass Medium to melted ice cream consistency) 1997 Leaf Green,1961 Dark Green,11002 Tomato,1998 Golden Orange, 1965 Amber, 1966 Warm Brown (Hint-mix colors in empty jars, available from UGC, and save for next project)

Supplies: Double strength float glass blank circle (enlarge pattern to fit your glass) 10/0 liner brush, toothpicks, FREE, piece of white paper larger than the design, cotton swabs, stir stick for mixing/stirring colors, Outline Black in applicator bottle with tip.

Clean glass thoroughly and avoid placing your fingers along the edge as the oils from your hand will repel the color. Hold with a paper towel. If color crawls as you are working rub over the area with a toothpick and reapply color.

- 1. Place glass blank over design and outline everything with the Outline Black. I begin in the center and work my way out to the outer edges. Sign your name now, also. **Note** if you are using the drape form you will need to sign your name **backwards!** It's easy, just sign your name on tracing paper and turn it over so your name is backwards, place it under your glass and write over your name with the Black Outline. If you are firing flat or using a sagger then sign as usual. Allow to dry. Remove pattern and set aside for reference. Place glass over white paper to aid you in seeing the edges of the Outline Black as you place colors on the design.
- 2. Fill in all branch areas and berry stems with Warm Brown.
- 3. Place a dot of **Brite Yellow** on the upper right area of **each berry**. Allow to dry before adding any more color to the berries.
- 4. **Leaves** Refer to pattern for the color placement on each leaf. Work on only one section at a time and complete the section before going on. Don't forget the leaf stems, they are Leaf Green. Work wet-in-wet because if your colors begin to dry, you will not be able to blend them together. Drag the brush between the colors in the growth direction of the leaf. Refer to photo for direction.
- 5. **Berries** Berries marked "R" are Lite Red. Berries marked "X" are Orange. The rest are both colors and have no markings. To these, add Orange to the top 2/3 of the berry then add Lite Red to the bottom 1/3. Tap between the colors with the tip of the brush to softly blend.
- 6. **Rim** Do this last so you don't keep dragging your arm over wet color. Fill in with Transparent Brown. A nice variation would be to do every other section in Dark Green and Leaf Green. Allow to dry.
- 7. Apply a dusting of FREE (I put mine in an old cotton gym sock) to firing form. Place glass over form color side up!
- 8. Fire to cone 016 or 1525 degrees in either a glass or ceramic kiln. For the ceramic kiln use the middle shelf for firing.

Enjoy!



