

BOO!!

Kathy Swigon, CDA © 2021

www.kathyswigon.com

PALETTE: JO SONJA ACRYLICS

Gold Oxide

Turners Yellow

Red Earth

Carbon Black

Tiger Lily

Titanium White

Brilliant Green

Black, Identi-Pen, Fine Point

Ribbon, ½ yd.

Tombstone Plaque from Dollar Tree

JoSonja Satin Varnish

BRUSHES: #3 round, #6 or #8 filbert, glaze brush, foam brush for base coating

SUPPLIES: white or grey graphite, stylus, water basin, acrylic palette, paper towels, eraser, sandpaper

PREPARATION: Sand plaque as needed and wipe off dust. Base coat with Tiger Lily, 2 coats. When dry transfer design with graphite color of your choice.

PAINTING THE PLAQUE

Base coat all the pumpkins first as indicated below before adding shading, highlighting or details. All stems are Brilliant Green.

Left Pumpkin: Base with Gold Oxide. Add a little shading on right side, next to middle pumpkin by floating with Red Earth. Highlight upper right of pumpkin with drybrush of Turners Yellow. Detail the face carving with the Identi-Pen. Make sure ink is dry and then add detail lines. Highlights in eyes are Turners Yellow using a #3 round brush.

Middle Pumpkin: Base with Turners Yellow. Highlight top left side with dry brush of Turners Yellow plus White. Add some tints of Gold Oxide or Gold Oxide plus a touch of Red Earth to bottom left and also the right side. Detail face with Identi-Pen. Turners Yellow highlights in eyes.

Right Pumpkin: Base with Red Earth. Highlight right side with Tiger Lily. Dots are Turners Yellow done with the handle end of a brush.

DETAILING: The BOO letters, spider, spider web and detailing around the pumpkins are all done with the Identi-Pen. Use very casual, loose, broken lines of varying lengths. Be sure to follow the curve of the pumpkins. Spider eyes are dots of Turners Yellow. The edge of the plaque is painted with Carbon Black and a #3 round brush. Load brush generously with Black. Lay brush bristles at an angle on the edge of plaque and partially on front surface. Roll the brush along the edge to create a jagged border that will resemble a slate when finished.

FINISHING: Erase any unwanted graphite lines. Apply several coats of varnish. Attach ribbon for hanger. Enjoy!