

# Funky Suitcase

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Level: Easy



## Materials List:

### Loew-Cornell® La Corneille Brushes:

7350-0, Liner                      7300-4, 8, 12, Shader  
7000-3, Round                      7500-6 or 8, Filbert

### Loew-Cornell Double-Time® Brushes

250-14 Checkerboard brush

### Palette: Delta Ceramcoat Acrylic Paint

Caribbean Blue	Azure Blue
Pink Parfait	Deep Coral
Bahama Purple	Blue Lagoon
Lime Green	White
Satin Finish	Water Based Varnish

### Surface: Old suitcase

(papery surface works better than vinyl)

### Additional Materials:

Fine Tip Permanent Pen

## INSTRUCTIONS:

Read all instructions before beginning your project. Refer to photo for placement.

**1)** Usually when you find an old suitcase, it's quite dirty. Clean it with a damp rag with a little mild soap. You don't want to use too much water. If it gets soaked it could warp, and it takes too long to dry, so that you can't go on to the next step.

**2)** When the case is completely dry, spray it with the base coat. This seals it and prevents any stains that may be on it from bleeding through the paint. Allow to dry for several hours.

**3)** All suitcases are different sizes, so I can't really give you exact measurements. With a pencil and straight edge, section off your suitcase, using the photo as a guide. Try not to use ink for this, it's sometimes hard to cover with paint.

**4)** With the #12 shader brush, base in the sections. It may help to plan ahead, and lightly write the color, in pencil, in each section. That helps avoid getting two sections the same color next to each other! Some colors will take more than one coat.

**5)** Now put on the patterns for the designs. I find the easiest way to do this is to trace them onto heavy paper, and cut them out, then you can trace around the edge with pencil. Remember to have a few that are just parts of the pattern, this makes it look like it's been cut out of fabric or something!

**6)** Let's really paint now! The large round flower - use the color of your choice, and the #8 shader. It may be best to outline the design first with the liner and then fill it in. Do the leaf with the #4 shader. When the round part is dry (this may take 2 coats), take the liner, and a darker color, and do the swirl. Start on the outside edge - this will hide any little mistakes on the first part, and give you the design. You may want to practice this!

**7)** If you want stripes in the background of the daisy sections, do these first with the liner. The daisies are done with the filbert. Mark small circles where the centers are, and then pull the petals from the outside to the center. Fill the brush with paint every 1 or 2 petals. Do the centers with #4 shader and the swirl with the liner.

**8)** The butterflies are first filled in with the wing color, then when that's dry, put the body pattern back on and fill it in. The dots on the wings are done with the handle of the brush.

**9)** The sections with stripes - use the color you want, and a shader in the size of your choice. It's a lot easier to do these wavy than straight. When dry, if you like, outline these with a different color using the liner brush.

**10)** The stars are filled in with whatever color you choose, using the #4 shader.

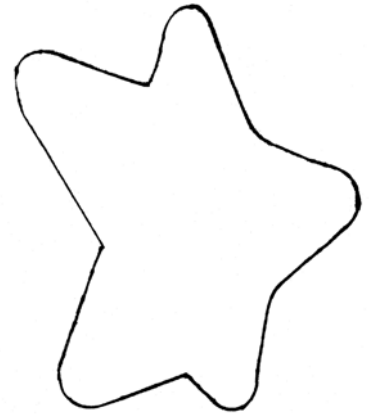
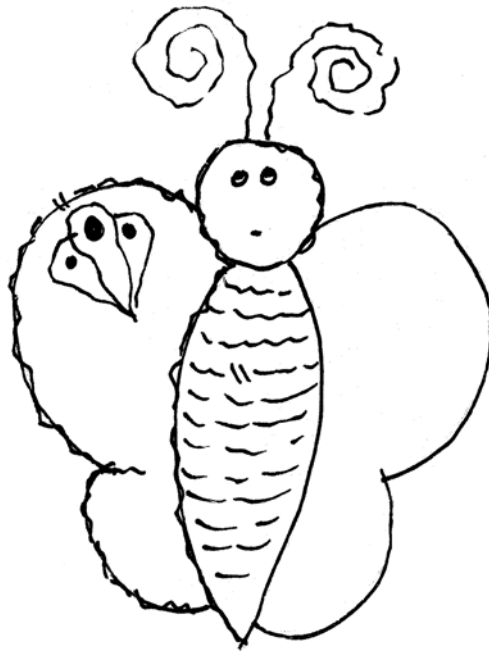
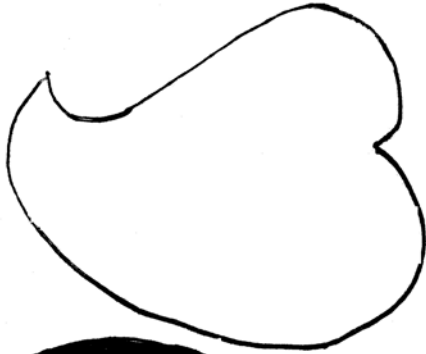
**11)** The hearts are filled in, then outlined with #3 round.

**12)** Some sections just have the same swirls you put on the round flowers.

**13)** The back of the suitcase is a checkerboard pattern using the 250-14 brush. *See picture on next page.*

**FINISHING:** I've gone around each section and a lot of the designs with a fine tip marker, and even though you're going to use a permanent ink, wait and do this after varnishing, to avoid any chance of the ink 'running'. To have the most protection you can, give your suitcase 2 or 3 coats of varnish. If the inside isn't in good shape, you could paint it, or take it out and re-line it with fabric or paper.

*These are a lot of fun and great for extra storage. Two stacked on top of each other makes a great end table, and holds a lot of 'stuff'!*



Top View



Side/Back View



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