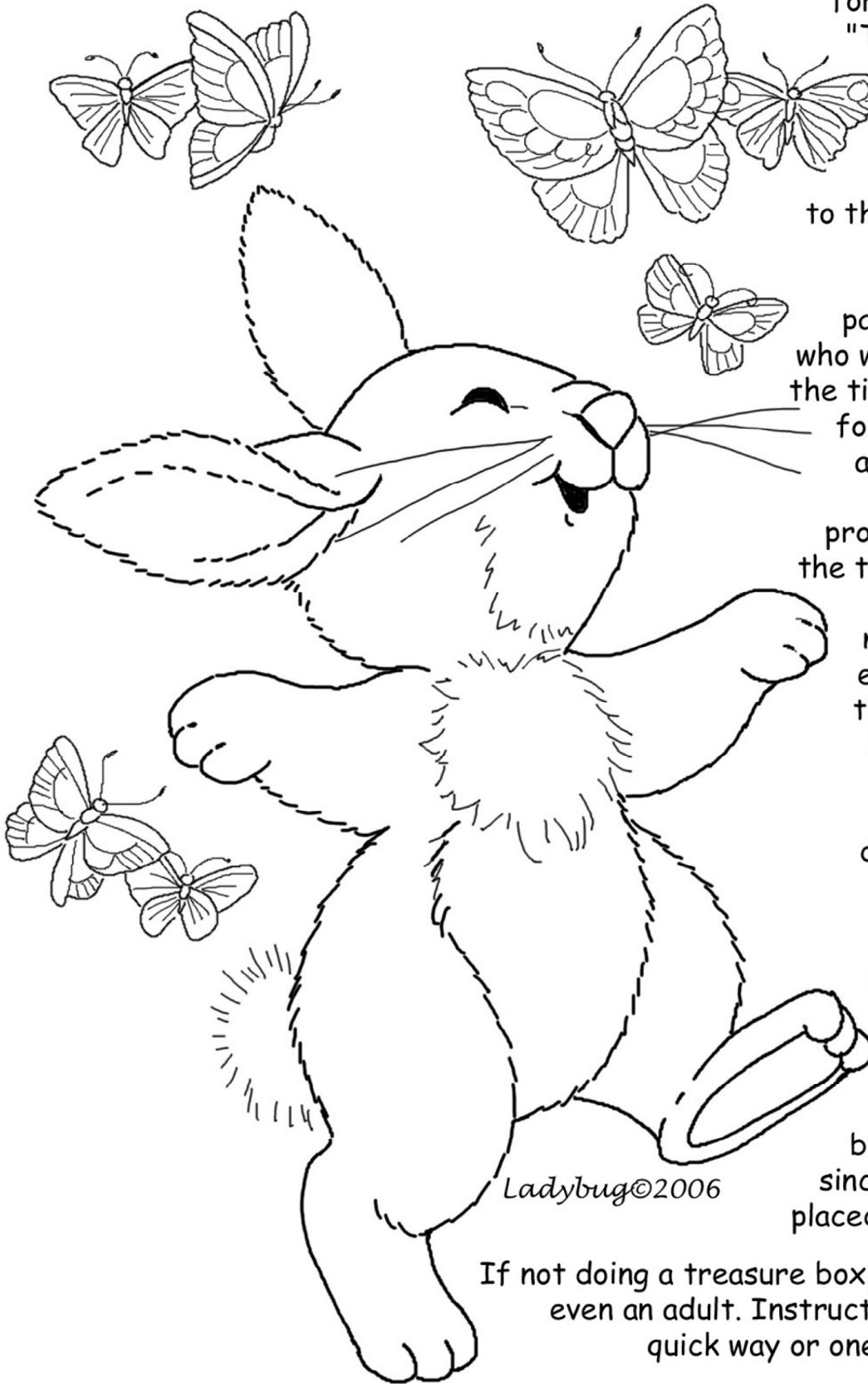




Ladybug

Butterfly Bunny

Beginner-Intermediate Level



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This design was created for the purpose of painting "Treasure Boxes" for sick long term care and terminally ill children. It was also one of the four I chose to donate to the Society of Decorative Painters (SDP) for at their convention for painting station for those who were kind enough to take the time to paint a box or two for this program I started at the beginning of 2006.

The idea behind the program is not just to paint the treasure boxes for these deserving children who need this extra TLC and emotional support it gives them during a scary time in their lives, but to also leave a legacy of art to the world from the decorative painting field.

Read the opening section on the CD for more information on the "Treasure Boxes".

I have suggestions for several ways this can be done on the next page, since the butterflies can be placed most any ways you like.

If not doing a treasure box, the design would please even an adult. Instructions are given for a easy quick way or one on a intermediate level.



Intermediate Level

Standard Shoe Box size: 10.5" x 6" x 4.5"

Sample designs shown have been reduced 50%

Box size: 7.5" x 5" x 3"



Novice or Easy Level



This pattern can be adjusted to fit the box in either direction with butterflies added wherever the artist likes.

It can be painted by even a first time painter with the aid of a pen to outline, or the more experienced using brushes to create fur fast and easy.

3-Basic colors:

You can either follow this illustration of blocking in the colors via coloring book fashion or you can look at page 2 to do it the easier way, either way you choose.



That is the nice thing about this design, is the fact that you can arrange it anyway you like by simply adjusting the position of the butterflies. Speaking of which, feel free to make them any color you wish.

It would be a great way to use up those bottles or tubes of paint you have only a small amount left in.

I choose to use these colors for this design, simply because it makes it appealing to all ages, not just children.

When all the colors are blocked in and totally dry transfer back in detail line so they can act as your guide for the next steps required, regardless of which level you finish it in.

● terra cotta

● coral

● light pink

● light violet

● bright yellow

Add white as shown

4-Contour shape:

The colors here were floated into place to give the subject the start of a dimensional effect. If you have chosen to do the easy version, skip this and the next steps and simply outline the colors you blocked in on page 3 and add the details.



Since your butterflies may not be the same color, simply select either a couple shades darker or mix one darker of the base color.

Don't be alarmed at all the colors I will splash on the butterflies...besides loving to use a kaleidoscope of colors, I also discovered years ago that when I used a splashes of color like this, it is very eye appealing.

The aqua background color I chose is a very good complimentary for the terra cotta color of the bunny, a light blue or pale green would work equally as well.

 background color used

 magenta

 red violet

 teal

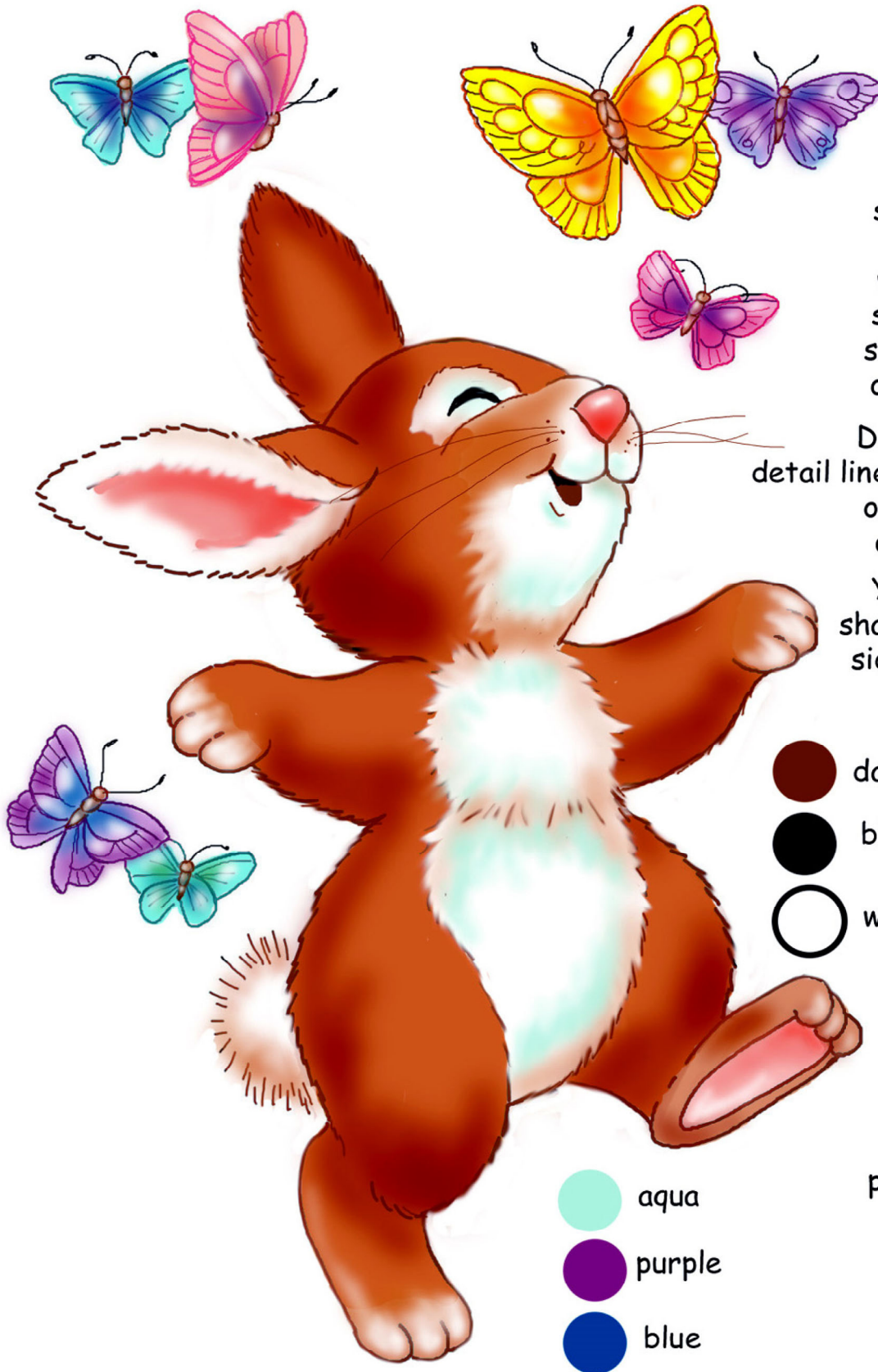
 taffy or light terra cotta

 dark coral

 orange

5-Highlights and details:

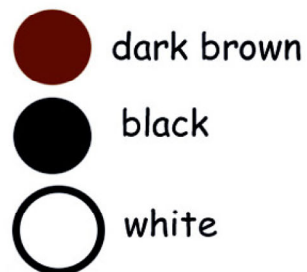
Aqua was floated into the white sections of the bunny to give it a bit more color and suggest the white fur is clean looking. I added additional colors to the butterflies as shown.



On the butterflies I used the purple and blue to give the wings more color. Some of the wings I outlined with a darker shade in the same color family and added white highlights to also suggest possibly a little shine or give the feeling of being light in the air.

Dark brown was used for detail lines on the bunny and the only black is the eye and a small line in the smile.

You can also add a cast shadow of teal to the left side as shown in the final page.



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