

Sontented Cat by ladybug



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Beginners Level

This is true size.
It will fit both a
photo box and
shoe box.
10" x 6.5".

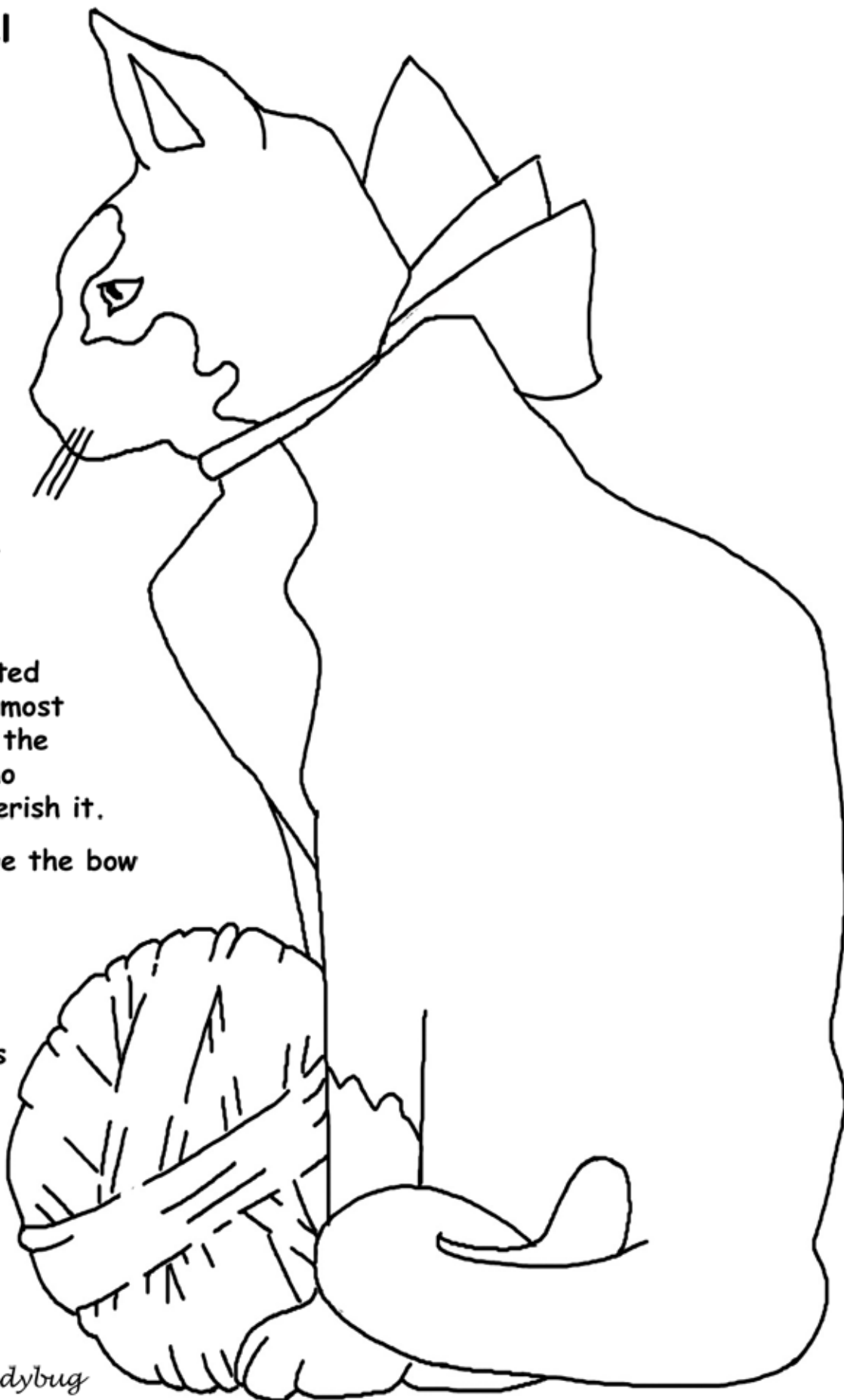
The design was
done originally
way back in the
1970's for a
SDP convention.

Here is a quick
or simple design
that even someone
painting for the
first time can do.

Even with it's limited
palette of colors, most
any child between the
ages of 5- 12. who
loves a cat will cherish it.

Feel free to change the bow
and yarn colors.

In tracing off the
design, include all
of the details,
so that afterwards
you can add
them to guide
you.



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Palette

All colors by Plaid FolkArt



Brushes:

Large Flat for background
6 & # 12 flat or angle
#6 & #2 round
#1 script or liner

Background:

The lid is totally covered with Vintage White, with Baby Pink solid edges.

Supplies:

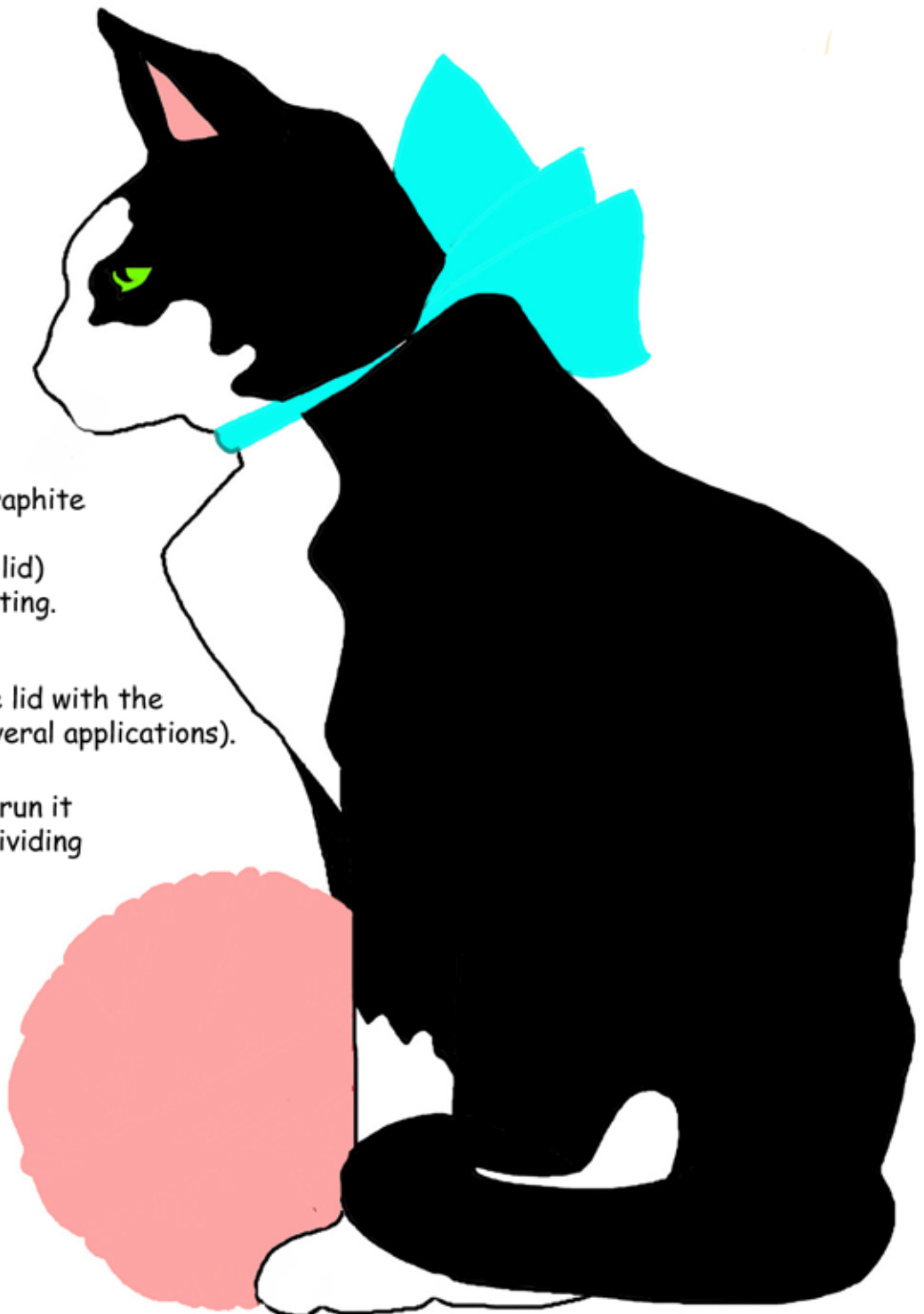
Tracing paper, stylist and graphite paper to transfer design on.
Water base varnish (to seal lid)
Plus normal supplies for painting.

Step One:

Totally cover the top of the lid with the Vintage White (will take several applications).
Trim edges with Baby Pink.

TIP: Use a soft pencil and run it along the edge of the box dividing the lid from the edge. Use this to guide you in paint placement. Another method is paint the trim first, allow to dry and tape them off before doing the top of the lid.

After lid is dry, transfer the design and block in the areas coloring book style with colors shown.



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Step Two:

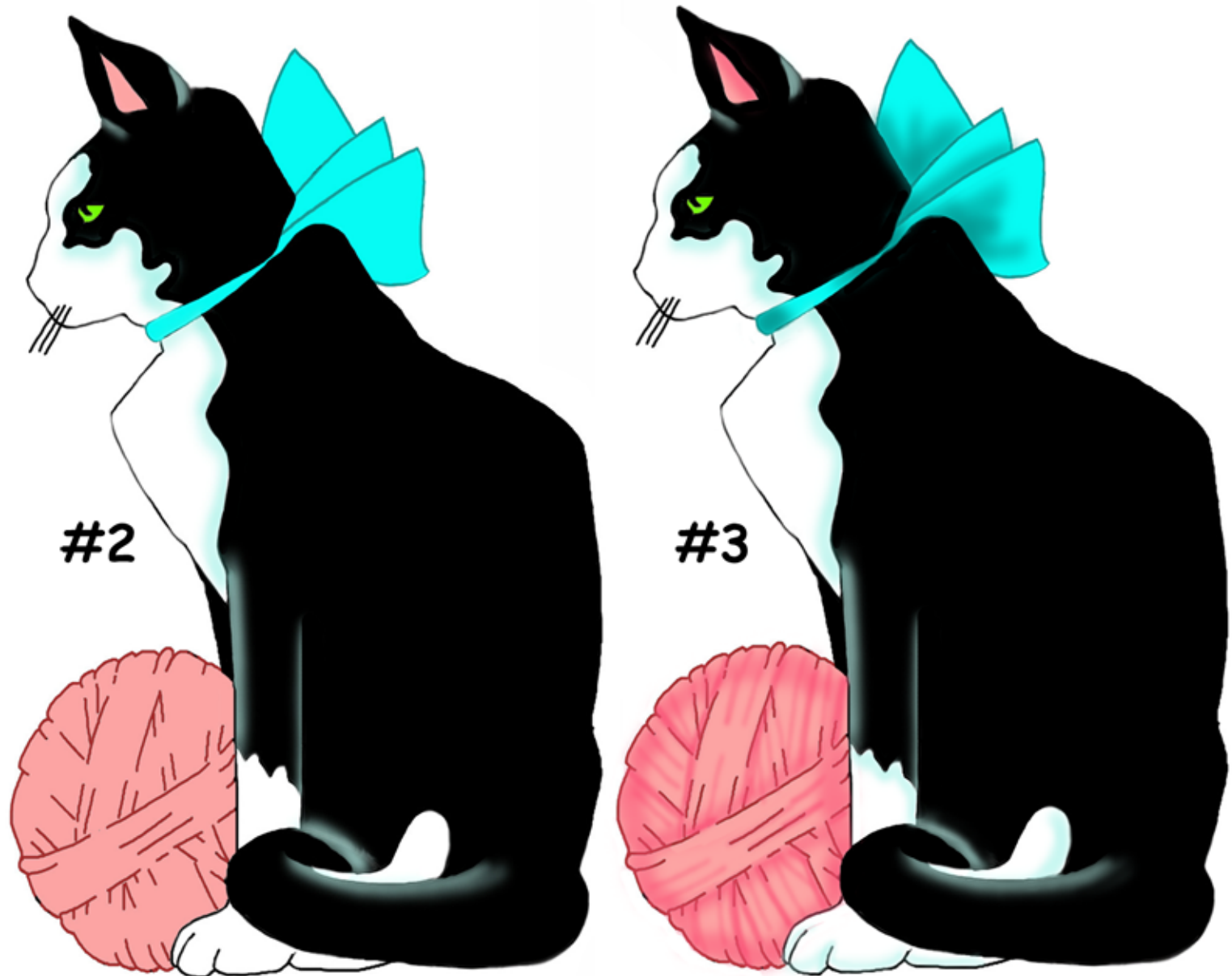
With a flat or angle brush apply the Patina by floating or blending it to all white and black sections as shown in figure #2.

Step Three:

With the flat or angle brush apply the Hot Pink to the ear and yarn. Do the same with the Teal to the bow.

Painting Tips:

To give the design even more appeal, floating a hint of a darker color such as a light tan around the outside edge of the whole design will give it more dimension. If you find your floated color doesn't come out far enough, try dry brushing it with a soft bristled brush, rather than floating another layer.



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Step Four:

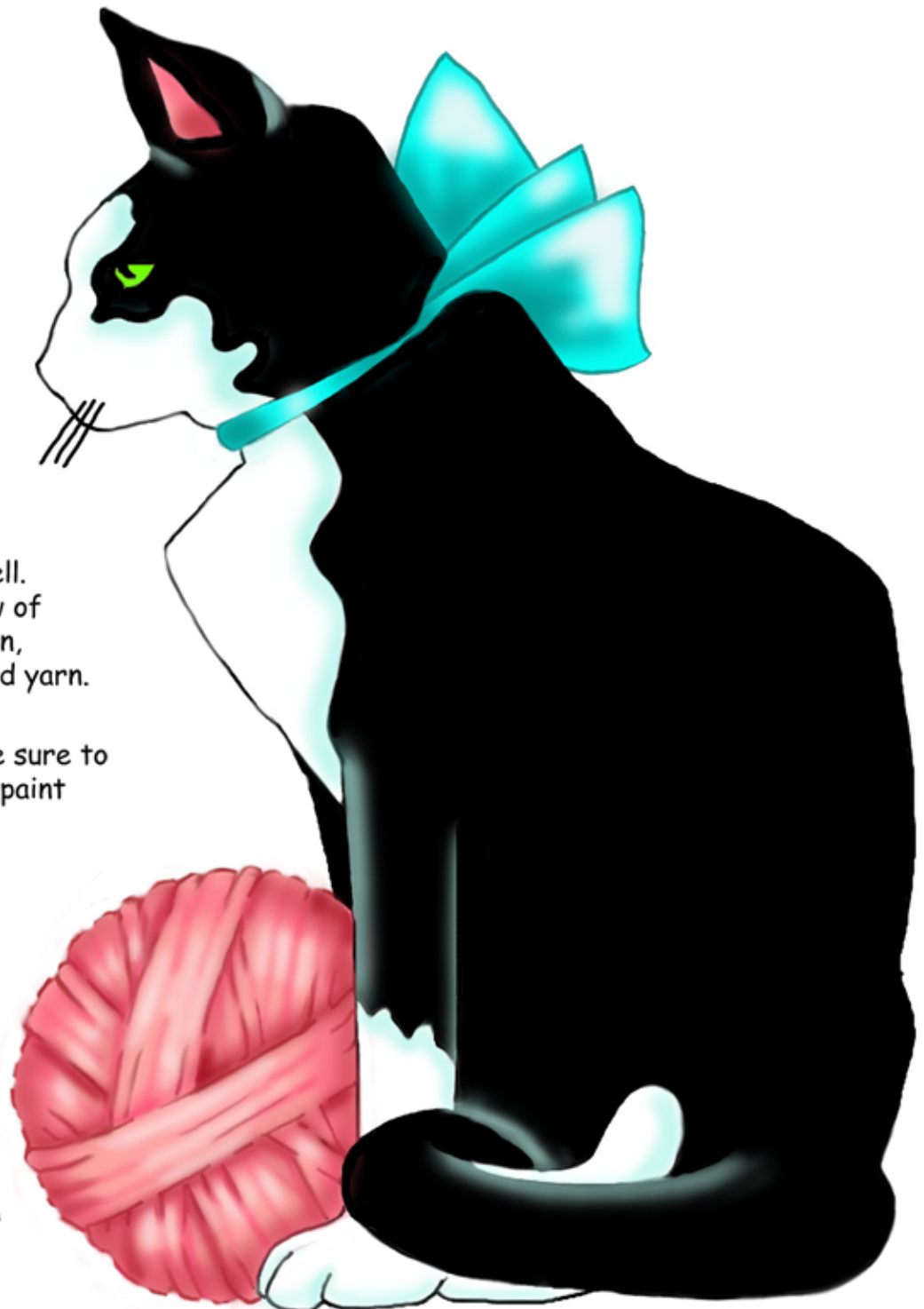
Use more Hot Pink or Magenta to the yarn as needed. White highlights are added to finish it off, along with a touch of white to the bow.

You might want to touch up or sharpen and details with a few black lines. I added a few whiskers and dark yarn lines to mine.

Even if you can not float paint, if the design is done by merely filling in the solid colors, it will still look great. Keep in mind that children love bright cheerful colors and animals of almost any kind.

It's a great idea to do several Treasure Boxes at one time, mainly because in the long run it saves alot of time in not just painting, but all the work of setting up the painting area with supplies. Use the same design on several boxes, will speed up painting time as well. If you wish, simply change a few of the colors, such as on this design, use a pink bow and patina colored yarn.

Enjoy painting the design and be sure to ask a few friends to join you to paint some Treasure Boxes.



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Photos of the actual
painted box.



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