Staying
in Your
Shell

Make colorful turtle, snail boxes

Courtesy of Mayco Colors

Step 1: Begin with properly fired shelf cone 04 bisque. Moisten a clean sponge and wipe bisque to remove any dust.

Step 2: Using the soft fan, apply one coat of Green Thumb to the body of the snail (bottom of Snail Box). Wipe back using the synthetic sponge to leave Green Thumb in the detailed areas.

Step 3: Using the soft fan, apply three coats of Glo-Worm to the interior of the bottom of the box and the underside of the snail's body including the bottom of the bisque. Allow color to dry after each coat.

Step 4: Use the soft fan to apply two coats of Lemon Lime to the top portion of the snail's body, except the eyes. Be sure to stir the Lemon Lime very well to apply crystals evenly.

Step 5: Use the script liner to paint the snail's shell (top of Snail Box). Start in the center of the spiral and apply Honeydew List. Next, blend in Glo-Worm, then blend in Sour Apple, and finally blend in Blue Yonder. Overlap the colors while wet to get a smooth transition from one to the next. Apply two coats to the shell, and be sure to apply color beyond the edge of the shell.

Step 6: For the reverse side of the shell, use the script liner to continue blending Blue Yonder to Sour Apple, this time working from the outside and spiraling to the center. Next, blend Sour Apple to Glo Worm and finally, blend in Honeydew List to the center to complete the shell. Apply two coats.

Step 7: Slightly thin Lemon Lime with water and apply one coat to the exterior of the shell, using the soft fan.

Step 8: Use the mini liner to apply a line of Green Thumb to the groove of the spiral on the shell.

Step 9: Repeat Steps 5 and 6 to apply a third coat of Stroke and Coat colors to the shell.

Step 10: Apply one coat of Cotton Tail to the eyes with the mini liner. Apply Green Thumb for the iris and Tuxedo for the pupil, adding a dot of Cotton Tail for a highlight. Outline the eyes with Tuxedo.

Step 11: Stilt both pieces and fire to shelf cone 06.

Turtle Box:

Step 1: Begin with properly fired shelf cone 04 bisque. Moisten a clean sponge and wipe bisque to remove any dust.

Step 2: Place Glo-Worm, Sour Apple and Orange-A-Peel in separate paper cups. Thin each color slightly with water, just enough for glaze to be poured onto the shell of the turtle and run on the surface.

Step 3: Holding the shell of the Turtle Box on the inside, pour the thinned colors from Step 2 over the shell, allowing the colors to run and drip off the edge. Use less Orange-A-Peel and more Glo-Worm and Sour Apple. Allow colors to dry fully.

Step 4: Use the mini liner to outline the mouth and other details of the turtle's body with Tuxedo.

Step 5: Apply two even coats of Spotted Kiwi to the body of the turtle with the soft fan, allowing the color to dry after each coat. Use a script liner to apply Spotted Kiwi around the eyes, trying not to get color inside the eyes.

Step 6: Use the soft fan to apply two even coats of Cappuccino Mint to the underside of the turtle.

Step 7: With the soft fan, apply one coat of Sour Apple to the entire turtle's body (the bottom of the Turtle Box).

Step 8: Using the soft fan, apply one coat of Cappuccino Mint to the shell. Follow this with one coat of Sour Apple.

Step 9: Use the synthetic sponge to wipe away any excess glaze from the eyes.

Step 10: Apply Sour Apple to the iris of the eyes with the mini liner. Fill in the pupils and outline the eyes with Tuxedo. Add a dot of Cotton Tail to each pupil for a highlight.

Step 11: Use the soft fan to apply three coats of the color of your choice to the interior of the Turtle Box.

Step 12: Stilt the top and bottom of the box and fire to shelf cone 06.

Advanced Methods
Choose your own colors and designs for each shape.

Sources
Mayco: www.maycocolors.com

Materials by Mayco

MB-1417 Snail Box bisque
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Colors for Snail Box:
CG-963 Lemon Lime
SC-11 Blue Yonder
SC-15 Tuxedo
SC-16 Cotton Tail
SC-26 Green Thumb
SC-27 Sour Apple
SC-77 Glo-Worm
SC-93 Honeydew List

Colors for Turtle Box:
S-2715 Spotted Kiwi
S-2709 Cappuccino
SC-15 Tuxedo
SC-27 Sour Apple
SC-75 Orange-A-Peel
SC-77 Glo-Worm

Brushes & Tools
BT-910 Synthetic Sponge
CB-106 #6 Script Liner
CB-110 #10/0 Mini Liner
CB-604 #4 Soft Fan

Miscellaneous
Small paper cups