

Gourd Giraffe

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Supplies

Short Handle Dipper

Pear gourd

½ yard or as needed fringe, beads, etc for mane

2 3/8 x 1 ¼ wooden pegs (3/8" drill bit)

Sea Sponge

Leather scrap or fun foam

Craft glue

Paper Clay

Varnish

Acrylic Paint:

Delta	Folk Art	Americana
Maple Sugar Tam	Buttercrunch (3:1 Sunflower + Buttercup)	Moon Yellow (L)
Old Parchment	Moon Yellow	Moon Yellow
Burnt Sienna	Burnt Sienna	Burnt Sienna
Spice Brown	Nutmeg	Milk Chocolate
Burnt Umber	Burnt Umber	Burnt Umber
Black	Black	Black
White	White	White

1. Draw a circle the size of neck of dipper gourd on pear gourd where you want to join together. Glue head (pear) to body (dipper). Add paper clay if needed around glued area.
2. Base coat entire Giraffe with Maple Sugar Tan, Buttercrunch, or Moon Yellow
3. Drill holes for horns (wooden pegs) in center of head between ears. Make slits for ears to outside of pegs.
4. Paint pegs burnt sienna. Cut ears and paint burnt sienna if needed. Glue in place.
5. Sponge old parchment between eyes, down nose and on inside on neck. Paint nose and mouth with burnt sienna. Float spice brown around ears. Float Burnt Umber inside nostrils and under mouth. The eyes are black,



- with old parchment on lid. Float burnt sienna above and below eyes. Add black lashes with a few old parchment added in. Place a white dot in eye to highlight.
6. Paint burnt sienna spots beginning with light irregular spots and getting larger as you go down head, neck and body. Don't try to make second coat around edges, this is hair.
 7. Add mane of your choice.

Tip: If Giraffe will not sit up, you can cut hole in bottom and fill with play sand or plaster of paris and seal hole with paper clay. Or you can use a grape vine wreath, wicker basket, clay saucer, or molded paper clay feet.