

# Winged Heart Platter: Drawing Your Painting with Underglaze Pencils

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**Bisque:** Gare #3021 Angled Rim Rectangular Platter

**Color:** Gare FunStrokes

FS-2300 Polar Bear

FS-2374 Blue Ice

FS-2308 In the Pink

FS-2373 Key Lime Pie

FS-2392 Rockin' Red

FS-2301 Smiley Face

FS-2302 Orange Peel



Amaco© Underglaze Decorating Pencil, black

## **Supplies:**

sponge, water/bowls, pencil, scissors, fan brush, 1/2" chisel brush, #6 round brush, sea sponge, carbon paper (optional)

**Step 1-** Use the damp sponge to wipe down the platter, front and back.

**Step 2-** Paint the back side of the platter with 3 coats of Blue Ice using the fan brush. Cut out the patterns while waiting for the glaze to dry between coats. Cut apart the cloud section on dotted lines at corners, and cut off the heart's one attached wing.

**Step 3-** Lay the patterns onto the platter using the photo as reference for placement. Place the short section of cloud down first, then the two longer sections allowing them to overlap a bit where they meet the first section. Line up the wings with the arrows on the heart. Use pencil to trace around all the patterns. Freehand draw the spirals in the clouds and on the heart, or use carbon paper to trace the spirals. Draw the spirals above and below the heart. (Don't discard the patterns--you'll be needing them!)

**\*TIP:** You can trace around the patterns using the Underglaze Pencil initially. However, these pencils have a fatter tip so be careful not to let the design "grow" because the patterns won't mask the sections completely in Step 9.

**Step 4-** Draw over all the lines with the Amaco Underglaze Pencil. Use your fingertip to then smudge/rub in this pencil. (This is a loose, casual effect--not precise and perfect. Let the smudged pencil get a little messy.) Redraw the lines to darken them further, and then rub that in also. (Rubbing in the pencil reduces the dust which could float around during the painting steps.)

**Step 5-** Paint one coat of Polar Bear over the entire cloud section and both wings.

**Step 6-** Paint two coats of In the Pink over the entire heart.

**Step 7-** Use a bit of water to make a wash on your palette with the Blue Ice. Use this wash to loosely paint over the spirals in the clouds and the shadows on the wings.

**Step 8-** Paint Rockin' Red solidly over the **back** side of the heart pattern. While glaze is wet, quickly lay the paper (glaze side down) on the painted heart on your platter. Press firmly from the middle toward the edges and wipe off any glaze that squishes out with your fingers.

**Step 9-** Dip the wing patterns in your water to wet them, then lay them over the painted wings on your platter. Pat with a sponge to seal the edges. Wet the cloud sections then lay them into place in the same manner. (Start with the short middle section again, then slightly overlap the side sections when you place them in position.) \*\*Alternative technique: Use the fan brush to brush water on the area where the pattern will be placed, then lay the paper onto the wet position.

**Step 10-** Pour the four background colors onto your palette (Orange Peel, Smiley Face, Key Lime Pie and Blue Ice). Sponge these colors (one coat) around the background of the heart in big sections. Rinse out your sponge between colors--you want them distinct, not tinted. Overlap the sections a little to transition from one color to the next.

**Step 11-** Remove the paper patterns.

**Step 12-** Clear dip. Stilt and fire to cone 06.

