

Highlander

Step-by-Step Instructions

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Step 1: Apply one thin layer of red paint to the Highlander's hat, ornaments, and every other strip of the candy cane. You will add a second layer once the first layer dries.

Step 2: Now we will start color blocking the Highlander's head. This should not take too long. This is also just the base coat, so it doesn't have to be perfect. With a tan color paint, paint the area around the Highlander's eye, the lower lip, and the area above the nose.

Step 3: With a medium brown color, paint the three large areas of hair on the Highlander's face. Then, paint the ears and body a dark brown color. Use whichever brush works best for you.

Step 4: With a clean brush, paint the horns white. If you want to create a little bit of shading, you can add a line of tan at the very bottom edge of the horn. Then, run a clean brush back and forth. The tan will blend in with the white and it will make the horns look rounded.



Step 5: Mix a little bit of red paint with the tan to create a dusty rose - about 25% red and 75% tan. Paint the nose this color.

Step 6: With a clean round brush and some white paint, smoosh in some white texture on the hat's trim and pom-pom. With a detail brush, paint in every other line on the Candy Cane white.

Step 7: Paint a second layer of red over the Highlander's hat, ornaments and candy cane, if needed.



Continued on reverse side.

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Step 8: Now we get to add all the hairy texture! Use a ½" flat brush and some tan paint. Run the brush through the paint on both sides, then wipe off the excess on the side of the plate. You will want to use the skinny edge of the brush to swipe in some wispy lines for the hair. Don't overthink it! Start with the ears and follow the shape of the different sections of hair in the face and body. Use light pressure on your brush and paint quickly. Add some crazy hairs coming out from under the hat and near the horns.

Step 9: Start to think of what you are going to name your Highlander! Get up and look at your painting from a step back and decide if you want to add more or leave the hair as is.

Step 10: Repeat Step 8 with white paint. Add fewer white highlights than tan, however. Keep the highlights mainly to the head and ears.

Step 11: With a detail brush, add a thin white highlight line to the Highlander's nose, eye, ornaments, and the top of the hat. Use your paint brush handle to stamp in some falling snow and to add a dot to the eye too.



Step 10: With silver or white paint or paint pen, fill in the ornament strands and the top of the ornaments.

Step 11: With black paint, paint pen, or permanent marker add a little outlining throughout the design. You don't need to outline the entire painting. Add a little here and there and in any areas you want to define.

Step 12: Add any fun extras or touches you like. Glitter paint looks great over the ornaments!

