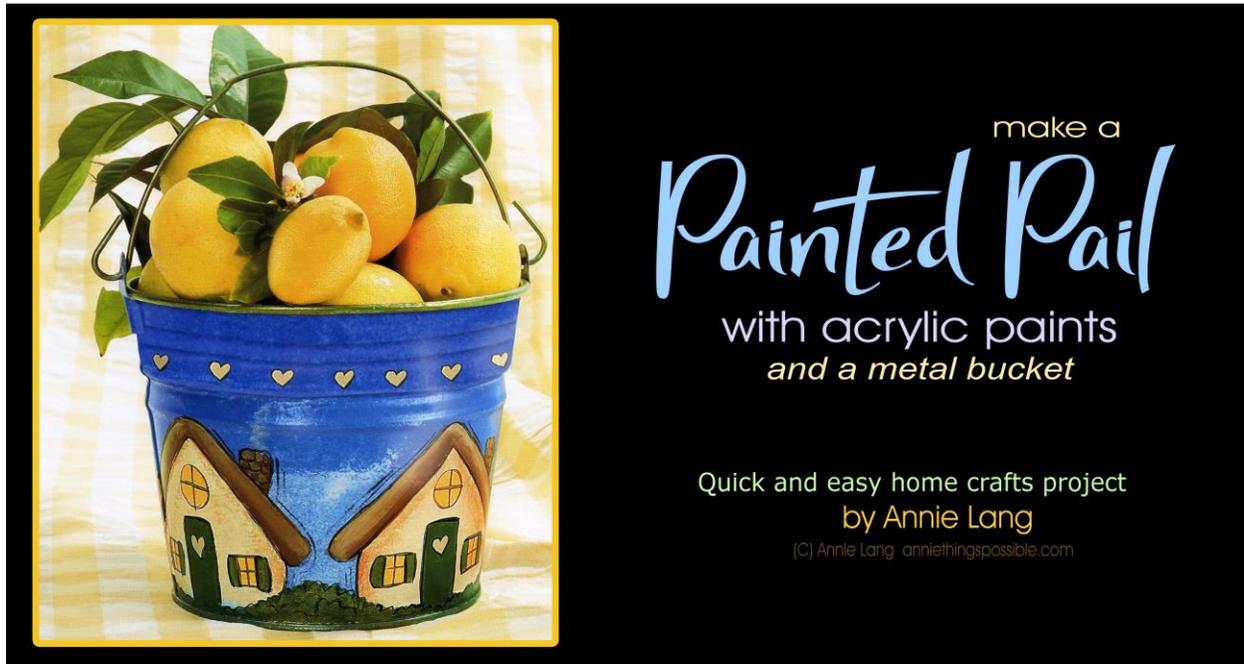


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Fun, Functional and FREE! Turn a plain metal pail into a bright and cheery home for your plants, fill it with homemade goodies for a friend or just use it around the house to keep stuff in! Anyone can make this project with a few basic craft supplies. Follow my Blog over the next few weeks to get more free downloadables to keep you creatively busy as we anxiously await for brighter days ahead.

*Supplies You'll Need:*

**Metal Pail** *(sample project is 7" tall x 8" dia.)*

**Acrylic Craft Paint** *(Listed colors were used for pictured sample photo)*

Black, Ivory, Bright Yellow, Burnt Sienna, Bright Blue, Dark Green, True Green

**Assorted Brushes** *(You can use any brushes you are most comfortable with)*

Liner brush, small and medium round brushes, medium flat shader, angle shader, sponge brush *(for basecoating)* and small 2-3" square cut from a regular household sponge *(to add texture over basecoat)*

**Vinegar or Rubbing Alcohol** *(to clean metal surface before basecoating)*

## **Additional Materials** *(for transferring pattern)*

Tracing paper, transfer paper, pencil

## **Clear Finishing Spray** *(matte or glossy)*

### **PROCEDURE**

1. Use pencil to trace pattern onto tracing paper.
2. Clean metal surface with vinegar and water and wipe dry.
3. Use sponge brush to basecoat entire pail with 2 coats of Ivory. Let dry.
4. Use sponge brush to paint inside pail and handle with Dark Green.
5. Use sponge brush to paint outside pail with Bright Blue. Let dry.
6. Starting at the bottom of the pail and working upwards towards the rim, use a sponge square to gently tap Bright Blue mixed with a little White paint to add just a bit of texture here and there around the pail.
7. Place transfer paper under the traced pattern. Center the pattern along the bottom edge of the pail and hold in place with a bit of tape if necessary.
8. Retrace over the pattern lines with pencil, transferring the house design onto the surface. Repeat around the pail with as many designs as you wish *(Sample features 4)*.

### ***PAINTING NOTE:***

Acrylic paint dries very quickly. You may need to apply several thin coats of color for opaque coverage. Let paint dry to the touch between coats to prevent peeling and blistering while you work. Use a simple "colorbook" painting technique by basecoating the area, add shading and highlighting and then use a liner and thinned Black paint to outline and define shapes.

**House Center:** Paint the houses with 2 coats of Ivory and let dry. Mix a bit of Burnt Sienna with Ivory and then use a dry angle shader brush to lightly brush over the ivory background and around the building outline to give it a rustic textured look.

**Rooftop and Chimney:** Paint the rooftops and chimneys with a coat of Burnt Sienna. When dry, apply another coat of Burnt Sienna and while still wet, use a round brush to apply some Burnt Sienna mixed with Ivory along the upper edges of the roofline, blending it into the Burnt Sienna basecoat. Use a small round brush to tap some of the Burnt Sienna and Ivory mix onto the chimney to resemble highlighted stone.

**Windows:** Use round brush to paint the round window areas with 2 coats of Bright Yellow. Use a flat brush to paint the smaller side window areas with 2 coats of Bright Yellow.

**Doorway and Shutters:** Use small round brush to add 2 coats of True Green shutters to each window on the house. Use flat brush to paint each door with 2 coats of True Green. Use the small round brush to paint a small heart on upper center of the door with 2 coats of Ivory.

**Foliage:** Use large round brush to tap and swirl Dark Green and then add some True Green over the bottom edge of the pail to suggest foliage and to connect the houses. In the areas between the houses, tap and swirl the foliage to create small hills or mounded areas.

**Outlining and Details:** With a dry medium size round brush and a bit of Ivory squiggle a wispy line upwards from the top of each chimney to suggest smoke. Use the liner brush loaded with Black to quickly outline all houses, foliage and house details. This is a very loose design with a folksy look so don't worry if lines are not perfect. To make the final design more whimsical and animated, use the liner and Black to add small emphasis lines here and there around the houses.

## **FINISHING**

When the entire bucket is dry, mist it with a few coats of Clear spray paint, drying between coats to protect your finished artwork from scratches.

*\*Repeat this design around the base of your basecoated pail.*



House Pattern for  
**Painted Pail Project**

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