

Cozy Country Kitchen

by Fran Casselman

Items used:

- #44436 Heirloom Traditional Tree
- #74295 Unfinished Utility Table
- #38016 Christmas Cut Out Cookies
- #9735 1" Squeeze Me Trees
- #15119 Tea Towels Kit
- #66087 Crocheted Stocking
- #75253 White Open Back Shelf
- #54063 Della Robbia Wreath
- #5063 Christmas Paper Chain
- #24287 Round Casserole Set
- #22012 Victorian Pitcher and Bowl Set
- #67228 Large Oval Platters
- #54027 Simple Shapes Vases
- #65573 4 White Canisters
- #21667 3-Pc. Kennedy Vase & Ginger Jar Set
- #56429 Red and White Braided Rug Kit
- #10593 Tall White Stool
- #13406 1 1/2" Upper Kitchen Cabinet
- #64477 Large Embossed Mixing Bowl
- #62308 Poinsettia Arrangement in Woven Basket
- #12007 Wooden Knobs
- #17517 12-Pcs. of 3/16" x 3/8" Strip Wood Set
- #1073 Fred's Wood Weathering Stuff or #80873 Gray Age-It EASY
- #81528 Brown Age-it EASY
- #34978 Embossed Dark Brick Sheet
- #55308 Liquitex® White Gesso



Finishing Tips:

- The paint color on all furnishings is satin finish Antique White by Behr from The Home Depot.
- A layer of heavy cardstock was glued on to conceal the utility table's grooved top. Once dry, it was sanded to soften the edges and corners, primed with #55308 Gesso, sanded, and painted.
- The tall white stool was sanded to remove the paint from the seat and to suggest wear on the lower rungs. Additional sanding slightly roughened the remaining white paint surface before repainting with Antique White. The seat and wear areas were stained with #81528 Brown Age-it EASY.
- To add "snow" to the tiny Squeeze Me trees, dip a fingertip into a small puddle of white paint and lightly go over the surface of the tree. (This method also works for almost any rough surface that needs "snow" or other highlighting.)
- The two kitchen cabinet kits were reused from previous projects but joined together to make one cabinet here; could also use #13408 for the same look in one cabinet. The doors were modified by using the flat side of the center panels, but the originally intended appearance would work for this country look as well. The kit's metal knobs were replaced with #12007 Wooden Knobs, and a top was crafted from three, 3 1/8" lengths of #17517 Strip Wood. The cabinet is raised by 3/4" on a base crafted from strip wood scraps.
- The packages were crafted from colored cardstock, with baker's twine and craft-store ribbon.
- The beam is 3/4" square, an offcut scrap from naturally weathered lumber; it could be replicated with 3/4"-square dowel (available at craft stores, hardware stores and home centers) by distressing, sanding and ageing with #1073 Fred's Wood Weathering Stuff and/or #80873 Gray Age-It EASY. The rafters are 5/16" square (but could be 1/4", such as #17522), distressed and aged as with the beam, adding a layer of #81528 Brown Age-it EASY.