

## Americana Shutter Planter Box

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### SUPPLIES NEEDED

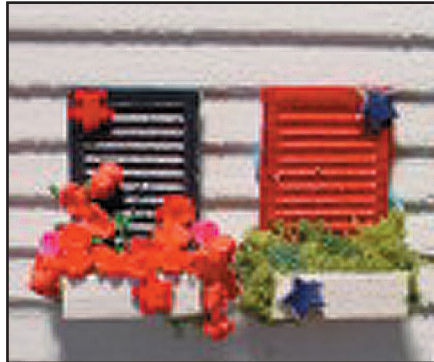
- Grandt Line Shutter #3541
- 3/16th Northeastern Scale Lumber Channel Wood
- Marvy Uchida Punch (see photo)
- Lightweight card stock or red paper
- Woodland Scenics Light Green
- Coarse Turf
- 3/32 flower petals in your choice of colors

### TOOLS NEEDED

- Paint Brushes
- Ruler
- Tweezers
- Scissors
- Chopper II or mat knife
- Smallest Stylus
- Mouse pad
- Water/spray bottle
- Wood glue
- Thick Tacky Glue

### PAINT

- Ceramcoat Navy Blue
- Tomato Spice
- White



1. Shaping Petals: With spray bottle, generously spray mousepad with water. Let water absorb slightly then sprinkle flower petals onto mousepad. Separate petals as necessary - petals will begin to absorb the water. While wet, begin deeply shaping petals with stylus. While shaping, if any petals stick to stylus - that's a good thing. Simply flick it off with your finger onto a dry surface and let dry. Continue shaping desired number of petals and let dry. (The water helps petals hold their shape when gluing to greenery.)
  2. Paint a small section of card stock, front and back, Tomato Spice. Let dry, then punch out stars with Marvy Uchida Punch.
  3. Paint a small section of channel wood white.
  4. Paint upper section of shutter Navy Blue while still attached to form (sprue).
  5. When paint has dried, measure and trim shutter as desired. Touch up sides and bottom with Navy Blue.
  6. Trim channel wood to width of shutter for planter box. Fill side openings in planter box with small snips from channel wood; you should now have a small box. Touch up edges with white paint. Let dry and glue to bottom of shutter.
  7. Glue tiny pieces of coarse turf inside planter box and trailing out of box.
  8. Glue shaped petals to greenery.
  9. Glue stars to planter box and shutter where desired. For added dimension, glue a second or third star directly over first star, matching points. (If you used painted cardstock, carefully touch up edges of star.)
- Optional: Reverse colors of planter box if desired.

