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Painting procedure for Bluebill Hen. Paint the entire decoy with #12 Off-White & allow paint to dry completely. Before painting use a soft pencil, & lightly sketch in the various sections as shown. Take care to leave face & wing patch area #12 Off-White when painting areas around them.

Section A: (Face marking White) #12 Off-White—sketch in areas surrounding this & leave this White
Section B: (Face, head & neck into chest area) Paint #24 Chocolate Brown
Section C: (Back & wings) Paint #24 Chocolate Brown
Section D: (Tail & flank) Paint #24 Chocolate Brown
Section E: (Wing patch) Leave #12 Off-White. Take care not to paint over this patch when painting adjoining areas.

Section F: (Bill) Paint #35 Steel Gray
Section G: (Bill nail, nostrils & mouth line) Paint #27 Pitch Black
Section H: (Feather borders on back, sides & flank; also feather borders on cheek) Shade & outline feather borders with #21 Taupe using a small brush.
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Painting procedure for Bluebill Drake. Paint the entire decoy except bill, head, & neck with #12 Off-White. Allow to dry completely. Using a soft pencil, lightly sketch in the various sections as shown before painting. Alternations & adjustments can then be easily made.

**Section A & B:** (Head, neck & chest) Paint #27 Pitch Black
**Section C:** (Tail & flank) Paint #27 Pitch Black – NOTE: Take care to leave wing patch area white when painting forward flank section.
**Section D:** (Wings & back) Heavy shading #15 Charcoal Gray
**Section E:** (Bill) Paint #35 Steel Gray

**Section F:** (Bill nail, nostrils & mouth line) Paint #27 Pitch Black
**Section G:** (Feather borders on back & shaded on sides as illustrated) Shade #21 Taupe
Use a small brush & lightly shade & highlight feather borders on back & sides as detailed.
Dabble edges of #24 Chocolate Brown to produce shaded effect as shown.
Wing & tail feather borders #21 Taupe. (Use a very fine brush for narrow lines)