PARKER’S CANVAS-BACK HEN

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Painting procedure for the Canvas-Back Hen. Paint the entire decoy except bill, head & neck with #13 Medium Gray. Allow to dry completely. Using a soft pencil, lightly sketch in the various sections as shown before painting.

Section A: (Chest) Paint #41 Earth Brown.
Section B: (Tail) Paint #41 Earth Brown.
Section C: (Back & wings) Heavy to light shading with #41 Earth Brown.
Section D: (Lower side) Shade with #13 Medium Gray.

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**Painting procedure for Canvas-Back Drake.** Paint the entire decoy with #12 Off-White. Allow to dry completely. Using a soft pencil, lightly sketch in the various sections as shown.

**Section A:** (Chest) Paint #16 Dark Brown  
**Section B:** (Tail & flank) Paint #16 Dark Brown  
**Section C:** (Head & neck) Paint #37 Redwood Brown  
**Section D:** (Eye streak, crown of head, & back of neck) Shade with #16 Black  
**Section E:** (Bill) Paint #16 Black  
**Section F:** (Back, wings & sides) Shade feather borders with #13 Medium Gray

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