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Painting procedure for Pintail Hen. Paint the entire decoy except the bill with #30 River Bottom & allow paint to dry completely. Using a soft pencil, lightly sketch in the various sections as shown.

Section A: (Back & wings) Medium shading #4 Bison Brown
Section B: (Crown of head & down back of neck) Shade with #4 Bison Brown
Section C: (Eye shadow) Shade with #4 Bison Brown
Section D: (Cheek & neck) Shade lightly to produce feathered effect with #4 Bison Brown
Section E: (Tail) Paint #4 Bison Brown
Section F: (Upper tail coverts) Shade with #4 Bison Brown
Section G: (Bill) Paint #35 Steel Gray
Section H: (Bill nail & nostrils) Paint #16 Dark Brown
Section I: (Feather borders on back & wings) Use a fine brush & edge feathers with #17 Rust
Section J: (Feather borders on chest & sides) Use a fine brush & shade to create feather effect with #25 Ivory.

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**Painting procedure for Pintail Drake.** Paint the entire decoy with #2 White & allow paint to dry completely. Using a soft pencil, lightly sketch in the various sections as shown.

**Section A:** (Back) Heavy shading Paint #19 Mud
**Section B:** (Upper tail coverts) Heavy shading Paint #19 Mud
**Section C:** (Sides) Medium #19 Mud
**Section D:** (Wings) Paint #16 Dark Brown
**Section E:** (Tail) Paint #16 Dark Brown
**Section F:** (Wing marking) Paint #16 Dark Brown

**Section G:** (Head & neck) Be sure White line area on side of head is sketched in before you do this section. Paint head & back of neck with #22 Oak Brown.

**Section H:** (Bill) Paint #35 Steel Gray
**Section I:** (Bill nail, nostrils & sides of bill as illustrated) Paint #16 Dark Brown
**Section J:** (Flank/rump) Medium shading #18 Yellow Gold
**Section K:** (Feather borders on back & wings)—excluding wing marking. Shade & highlight with a fine brush #18 Yellow Gold

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