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Double Happiness

This is a wedding gift. The peonies resemble the bride and bridegroom. There are two traditional lanterns written with Double Happiness in Chinese. The butterflies and flowers symbolise happy together and abundance. Design the pattern on a paper and then trace it on to porcelain. All firings at 016.

Background:

Use big brush, paint a layer of Turquoise with Pink in some small areas, sponge the whole area to smooth. 1st fire.

Create a mixture with 1/3 enamel powder, 1/3 Matte gold and 1/3 Metallic gold with dry medium. Apply the mixture with thin brush to make outlines and details of the patterns. Make dots to fill up the gaps.



Peonies:

Paint one with Meissen blue and the other with Maroon. Leave the edges of the petals white to achieve contrast of colors, depth and overlapping effect. Paint the areas under shade with darker values.

Leaves:

Paint the leaves with a mixture of Moss green and Grey green. Allow a lot of highlight areas. 2nd fire.

Use the above mentioned enamel mixture and thin brush to make outlines of the Peonies and Leaves. Enhance the colors of the peonies and the leaves where necessary. 3rd fire.

