Harlequin Drake

Color Matrix

2	White	
5	Black	
7	Blue	
37	Redwood Brown	
60	Slate Blue	

Artist's Notebook
The Harlequin is certainly an advanced decoy, but with patience even a beginner can achieve an effective paint pattern. Remember: these are gunning decoys; they don't have to be perfect, they just have to work!

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Painting Instructions

1. Prep the entire decoy in accordance with the decoy painting instructions, prime with gray Parker Decoy Primer. Draw lines using a pencil.
2. Paint the bill, head, neck, chest, and back using Slate Blue (60). Once dried mark off the White paint patterns with a pencil.
3. Paint the side pockets using Redwood Brown (37).
4. Paint in the wing patches with White (2).
5. Paint the rump and tail with Black (5).
6. Use a small, fine round brush to paint the thin Black (5) lines into the White (2) wing patches.
7. Shade the chest and front of head with Blue (7) using the dry brush technique.
8. With a small round brush and using the dry brush technique, apply black shading around the white patches on the front half of the body and the head.
9. Paint in the rest of the small White (2) areas you just shaded around.
10. Paint the crown of the head using Black (5) and the small stripe of Redwood Brown (37).