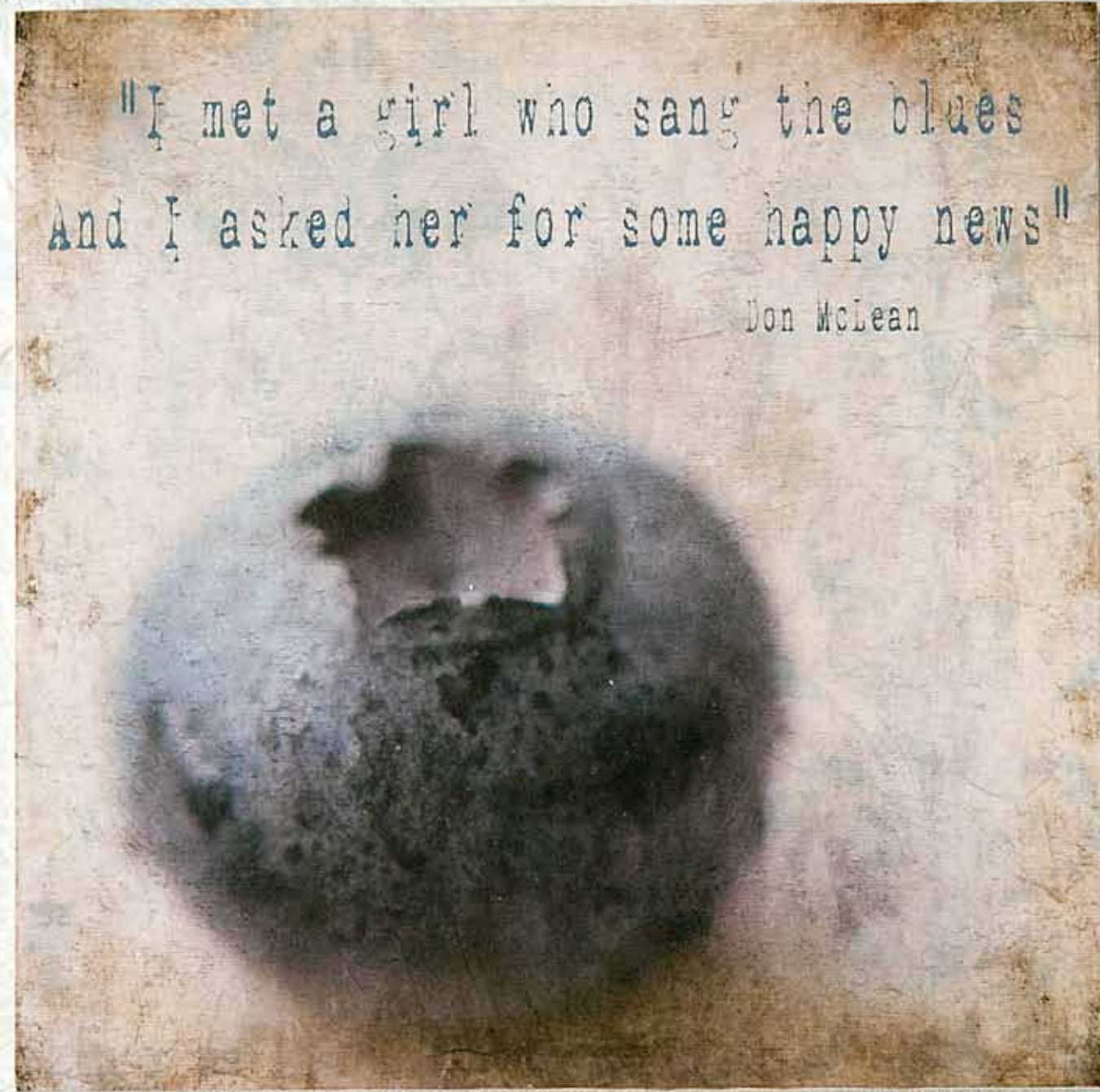




# American Pie Photo Art Tile by Jamie M. Jamison



8" x 8"

**This photo art tile was inspired by summer in years gone by** — fresh blueberries, singing “American Pie,” and laughing with friends. Happiness and creative ideas are often found in life’s simple joys. ➔





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**INSTRUCTIONS**

### TOOLS & MATERIALS

- Acrylic paint: (Golden)
- Artist panels: 5" x 5"; 8" x 8" (Ampersand)
- Camera
- Chalk paint: (Annie Sloan)
- Soft cloth
- Computer
- Craft knife: (X-acto)
- Credit card
- Drill
- Finishing spray: matte, clear (Krylon)
- Foam brush
- Font: 1942 Report
- Gel medium: soft, matte (Golden)
- Ink-jet printer
- Paper: patterned, Cream and Blue Damask (Shabby Cottage)
- Photo-editing software: (Photoshop)
- Photograph
- Plaster: (Modern Masters Venetian Plaster)
- Sandpaper
- Screw & nut
- Sequin waste
- Stencils
- Texture: (Kim Klassen Textures)
- Transparency film
- Trowel
- Wax: clear (Annie Sloan)
- Xyron machine



FIG 1

**1 Create a background** with any medium or texture on an 8" x 8" panel. Think of the background as the frame for the image. Spread a liberal amount of plaster with the credit card or trowel randomly over the entire surface. A thick texture creates interest. Allow the piece to dry, and then lightly sand.

**2 Randomly spread plaster** around the edges using various stencils and sequin remnants. Once dry, lightly sand again.

**3 Use a foam brush** to lightly paint several layers of



FIG 2

chalk paints. Sand off stenciled areas. The creative potential of these paints is endless! This paint will easily crackle, act as a wash, and show multiple layers. Add a clear wax to the entire piece, and buff with a soft cloth (FIG 1).

**4 On the back** of the panel, drill a small hole for the screw and nut (FIG 2).

**5 To create the photo art** tile, lightly sand the edges of a 5" x 5" tile, and paint the edges with acrylic paint (FIG 3).

**6 Trim a piece of paper** to 5" x 5". Run the paper through a Xyron machine, and place it on the tile. Trim the edges with a craft knife. ➔



FIG 3

### TIPS

- Annie Sloan Chalk Paints dry like chalk and are fantastic for creating multiple layers.
- Select photos that have a lot of white space so the background paper is visible.
- Antique photos or black-and-white photos work really well too.
- Photo tiles and backgrounds are interchangeable, so create a few of each and mix and match.

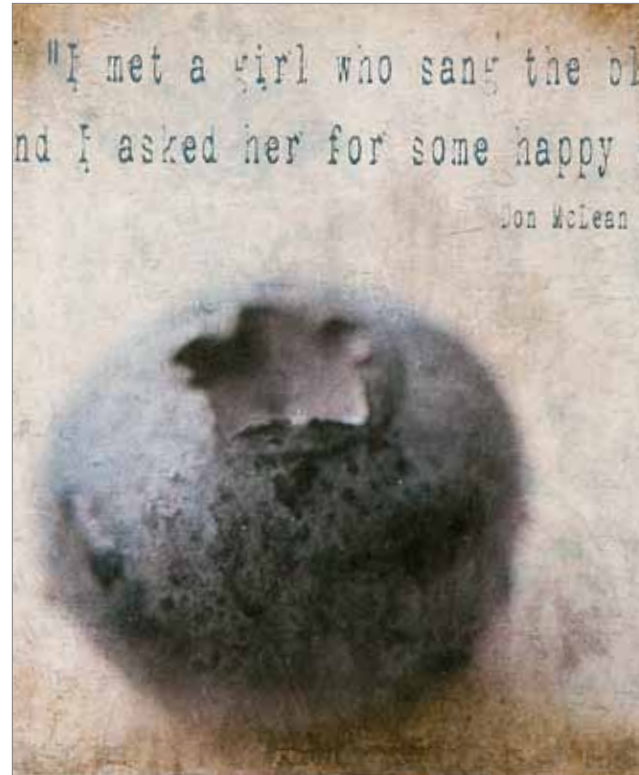


FIG 4



FIG 5

**7 Print a photograph** on transparency film, reversing the photo. Trim the transparency to 5" x 5", and run the transparency through the Xyron machine. Place the transparency over the paper. Trim the edges.

**8 Spread a light layer** of gel medium over the image. Allow to dry overnight. Spray the tile with Krylon's matte finish (FIG 4).

**9 Place the hole** on the back of the tile over the screw on the background and slide to the center (FIG 5). ★

### ARTIST INFO

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