



HOW TO DECOUPAGE

Decoupage is a craft that is very inexpensive and yet can give lots of hours of enjoyment.

The craft is done by cutting out paper or fabric and gluing it onto an object to decorate it, then sealing it with several coats of glue, lacquer, varnish or glaze.

Almost anything can be decoupage, most common items are wooden boxes and trays, furniture, metal trays and boxes, clay pots, wall art and clear glass objects such as plates, platters, bowls and vases.

Supplies Needed

Item to decoupage

Paper or fabric to cut

Glue – Emer’s All-Purpose, Mod Podge, etc.

Paint brushes

Scissors

You can make decoupage glue by using 1 cup Elmer’s glue (not the school kind that’s washable but the Glue-All) or white wood glue and 1/3 to 1 cup water. I like to use less water.

To make a sign using an old picture frame

- Remove the glass and cut a board to replace the glass. Use craft plywood (thin about the thickness of the glass).
- Cover the plywood with decoupage glue
- Lay the background paper on the wood and smooth it down.
- Trim any excess paper from the edges
- If you’re going to use paper cutouts for the lettering or numbers glue those onto the paper covered wood now
- Once dry, add a coat of glue over the paper (the entire top). Let dry and then add a second coat

- If you are using metal numbers that screw into the wood (for a house number sign for instance) add those now
- Put the wood inside the frame and secure it
- Hang the frame and enjoy

To make Christmas ornaments

This is a great way to update old ornaments. You can use scrapbook paper, vellum paper, tissue paper, wrapping paper, or fabric scraps. You can either cut or tear the paper.

- Tear or cut paper and begin gluing it to the ornament
- Make sure to overlap the pieces but you don't have to put them on in any kind of order, random is great
- Once the ornament is covered in paper, brush glue over the entire ornament
- Hang to dry
- Enjoy