

Decoupage technique





Decoupage is an art of attaching thin napkin papers with design / motif/ pattern to any material using decoupage glue to decorate and beautify them. In general Napkins are used as they are absorbent and thin and almost become part of the object, like paint (as no edges are seen due to thinness)

Where can it be done?

It can be done on almost anything - wax, wood, porcelain, textile, leather, metal, cardboard, card etc. (you may need special decoupage glues for different medium as one decoupage glue may not be suitable for all materials)

How it is done?

Whether the technique is for WAX (candle decoupage), clay (art potch) or for any other material , the technique remains the same.

Step 1. You need to cut the napkin to the outline that you want to stick to the material (all white or surrounding areas trimmed off) as whatever you cut will be stuck to the base.

Step 2. Moisten the paper with little water so that it can adapt to the surface if it is curved

Step 3. Carefully lift the motif (the cut napkin paper) be careful as the napkin is now wet and its vary easily damaged

Step 4. Place the napkin on top of the material – wood, terracotta, clay etc. and lay other layer of glue on top of it, making sure it is totally covered. Make sure the glue is applied on the edges and slightly outside the boundary so that boundary sticks properly. Initially it may be milky white but it will dry up to transparent

TIPS

If the base material is of dark color, you need to prime / or paint the area with napkin colors that you plan to apply in the object in the area you are going to apply with white color (as the napkins will show through once you apply the glue) and in dark colors the napkins, do not tend to give desired result. (you may try before painting the base by doing decoupage in invisible area before doing it finally to see if your expectations are met, before priming, painting the base)

Generally the areas where you do decoupage will be shinier then the other areas if you are doing it on matte surfaces like wood, terracotta, clay etc. its good idea to cover the entire surface with glue. **ALSO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE FINISHED ALL DECOUPAGE WORK BEFORE COVERING THE ENTIRE SURFACE**

Tutorial:



Step 1: Cut or tear motif from the decoupage sheet. The back slightly moistened with water, then the paper adapts easily later on to be decorated surface. Paint decoupage paper on the back with ART POTCH decoupage glue and apply to the object.



Step 2: Paint over with ART POTCH Decoupage glue & paint evenly. Allow to dry. Ready! Clean the tools with water after use (before drying)

- The surface of the object to be decorated should be clean and free of grease.
- To spice up the background color you can color with Hobby Line acrylic matte paint
- If decoupage paper is to be used on dark backgrounds, you should prime the area to be glued with white or another light color or the motif matching color.
- Allow primer to dry.
- Paint completely over with Potch Decoupage glue on applied and not applied surface for gorgeous shine as well as protection from water and weather.

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