

# Delightful Decoupage!



Here's how to turn an ordinary box into a special container using scraps of paper and glue.

Decoupage is a form of collage used to decorate furniture and small objects by covering them with coloured paper, magazine cutouts and other decorative elements.

## You will Need



- A box to decorate (a shoe box or small, sturdy cardboard box is ideal)
- Papers to decorate with (scraps of wrapping paper and old magazines are perfect)
- Glue (PVA if you have it but a glue stick will work just fine)
- If you're using PVA glue a spreader is useful (a piece of scrap card works well) and a small bowl to put the glue in and water it down
- Scissors

### Step 1.



Select your decorative papers and cut them into pieces. Try not to cut them too big or too small; anywhere between 2cm-10cm is ideal. Squares and rectangles are easiest but any shape is fine. You could cut out images and pictures you like from magazines such as birds, people or landscapes.

### Step 2.



Cover one side of your box with glue then start sticking on your pieces of paper, overlapping all the edges slightly so that all of the background is covered. Fold your paper over the edges of the box as well to give a smooth, neat finish. If you're using PVA glue it's worth watering it down a little bit to make it easier to work with and so that it goes further!

### Step 3.



Cover the other sides of the box in the same way. You might need to let them dry out in-between so you don't stick to the table! Make sure you don't have any gaps and that all the edges of your paper are properly stuck down. If

you're using PVA glue remember it dries clear so don't worry if it squidges out a bit.

**Step 4.**



Leave the box to dry thoroughly. If you have any bits of paper sticking over the edges now is a good time to trim them off and neaten things up.

**Step 5.**



To make your box more long lasting (and shiny!) you could finish it off with a coat of varnish or PVA Glue. You could paint the inside of the box as well.

Have fun and don't forget to share your finished makes with us!