

LARPD SENIOR SERVICES PRESENTS:

SHELTER-IN-PLACE Mystery Craft -DECOUPAGE-

MATERIALS

- Smooth surface clay pot, tile, jar, vase, wine bottle, or wood surface
- Paper for decorating (e.g. paper napkins, wrapping paper, photos, magazine cutouts, fabric, etc.)
- Utensils: Scissors, paint brush or sponge brush
- Cling or Saran Wrap
- Non-stick work surface
- Sealer: Mod Podge All-In-One Glue OR Elmer's Glue All which must be diluted, see recipe below.

STEP-BY-STEP

- 1. Mix Glue:** If using Elmer's Glue, use 3 parts glue to 1 part water. Mod Podge can be used as is.
- 2. Cut Out Paper/Fabric:** If using a paper napkin, peel away any extra layers so only the decorated layer is used. Cut out your paper/fabric in the desired configuration. You can choose a center-piece, do a collage or cover the entire surface.
- 3. Decorate:** Coat a section of the surface that you'll be decorating with a thin layer of mod podge or glue mixture. Then place the cut out paper on top of the glue. Continue in sections.

Cover the edges with more glue to ensure proper adhesion. Excess glue will dry clear.

Note: If working on a porous surface, such as a clay pot, prime with a thin coat of mod podge or glue mixture and let dry.

- 4. Smooth Out Bubbles:** Lay Cling Wrap over the surface, apply pressure, and work out any bubbles or wrinkles. Carefully peel back the cling wrap ensuring you do not remove paper decorations.
- 5. Finish Coat:** Paint a thin layer of glue over your project to seal it. Multiple coats may be necessary.
- 6. Let Dry Between Coats:** Either air dry or in the oven (see below).

OVEN DRYING PROCESS

- Place project in cold oven
- Set temp to 175 f
- Turn off oven once it reaches 175 f
- Allow to cool in the oven
- Do not use oven for wood projects

- 7. Waterproof if Needed:** Use a layer of waterproof sealant or varnish to protect your project from the elements.
- 8. Finishing touches:** Add any finishing touches to your project such as painting the rim, tying a bow, adding fairy lights.



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