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Dear Reader,

Whether you are a beginning decoupageur or have used Mod Podge for years, it's always great to have some new ideas and inspiration. One of the best things about Mod Podge is that it can be used on a wide variety of surfaces, from wood to tin to paper to glass. Decoupage is such an inexpensive way to "get your craft on," and you are almost guaranteed great results because the process is so simple!

I'm thrilled to be working with Plaid to bring you a monthly e-book featuring a different decoupage topic each time. We hope each one will get your crafting juices flowing! We'd love to hear which ideas you try and see the finished projects online – visit either [www.plaidonline.com](http://www.plaidonline.com) or my blog, [modpodgerocksblog.com](http://modpodgerocksblog.com), to learn where to find us on social media or to get even more inspiration.

Thank you and Happy Decoupageing!

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to get the instructions for this  
painted herbs!

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# The Basics

Get a Perfect Decoupage Project Every time!

Wrinkles are a common problem for many Mod Podge beginners. Please read these instructions thoroughly for hassle-free Mod Podging. We promise that if you follow these instructions, you will have success and be a very happy Mod Podger!

You will ALWAYS need the items listed below on hand for any project. It is assumed with all of the instructions in this book that you have the following items at your disposal:

Supplies Needed:

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Mod Podge              | Craft Glue    |
| Foam Plates or Palette | Ruler         |
| Scissors               | Tape Measure  |
| Craft Knife            | Pencil or Pen |
| Mat                    | Sandpaper     |
| Water Basin            |               |

## 1. Prepare Surface

Almost any surface can be used to create a decoupage project. Appropriate surfaces include wood, papier-mâché, terra cotta, tin, cardboard, glass, and craft foam. Only SOME plastics are suitable for decoupage. We recommend testing a small area before completing your entire project to make sure that the Mod Podge will adhere.



Here are some surfaces that may need some extra attention in their preparation. All other surfaces can be decoupage without any preparation, although you should always make sure that the surface you are working with is clean and dirt free.

- **Glass** – Wash and dry with a lint free cloth to remove surface oils.
- **Tin** – If it is an older tin surface, clean with a 50/50 vinegar and water solution. A wire brush can be used on stubborn rust spots.
- **Wood** – Sand unfinished wood surfaces with fine grit sandpaper until smooth. Fill any holes with wood putty and sand again. Wipe clean with a damp paper towel.



You don't have to, but you will want to paint many items before decoupage if your surface is unfinished. We recommend Folk Art® or Apple Barrel® Acrylic Paints for base-coating.

## 2. Prepare Items to be Mod Podged

Most items, especially thicker papers, are ready to be Mod Podged as is. Here are a few tips you should know before beginning.

- **Fabric** – Wash and dry the fabric (do not use fabric softener). Iron and then lay out on a covered work surface. Wax paper is preferable for covering your table. Using a brush, paint a light coat of Fabric Mod Podge onto your fabric.



Allow to dry. This will allow you to cut the fabric like paper without frayed edges.



## 3. Plan Your Design

Cut out your paper or whatever it is that you are planning to decoupage. Experiment with design elements to determine the layout of your piece. Add interest to your design by using large and small pieces, layering and overlapping elements and coordinating colors.

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#### 4. Adhere Your Design

Adhere each element with the Mod Podge finish of your choice. Always start with the underlying design elements and work your way upward. Apply a medium coat of Mod Podge to the surface. Too little Mod Podge and you will get wrinkles – you can always wipe away excess Mod Podge. Place your item(s) to be decouped on top of the Mod Podge and smooth thoroughly.



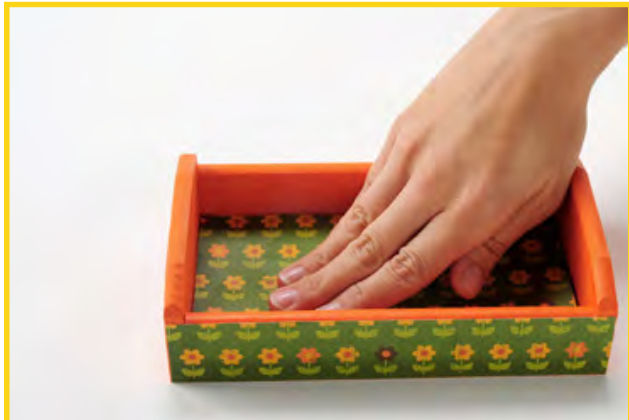
Use the brayer for larger items such as furniture.

Wipe away excess Mod Podge with your brush. For very small elements, brush adhesive onto the project surface and apply each element with tweezers.

Note: Once you have adhered all your elements to your surface, allow the design to dry for NO LESS than 15 minutes before moving to step 4.



For a very smooth finish, wet a piece of #400 grit sandpaper with water and sand lightly between coats. Wipe dry and polish with #0000 steel wool on the final coat. To avoid tackiness, use a clear acrylic spray.



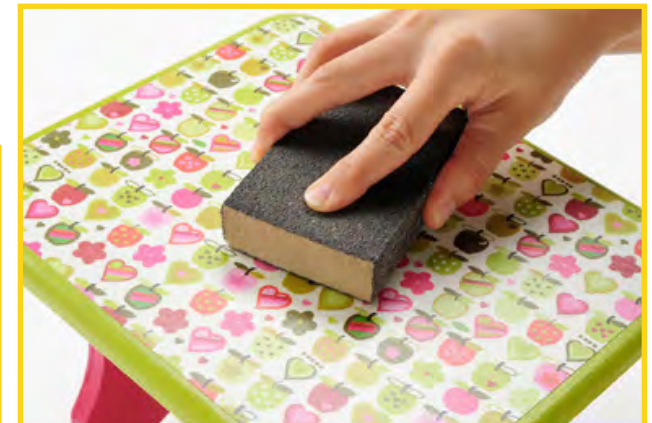
Keep smoothing until all of the bubbles are removed.

When working with large pieces, smooth from the center outward. Air bubbles can be removed with the Mod Podge Tool Set. Use the squeegee with smaller items such as trays – it was developed specifically for getting into corners.



#### 5. Seal your Project

Add a protective coat of Mod Podge to your project using a sponge or flat brush. Allow to dry and then repeat. The number of coats you finish with is up to you, but we recommend at least two.



#### 6. Add embellishments

Once your project is dry, add embellishments as desired. Adhere them with a suitable adhesive such as hot glue, craft glue, or epoxy.

Mod Podge Dimensional Magic can also be used as an embellishment. Dimensional Magic creates a raised surface similar to an epoxy sticker. It can be used on top of a Mod Podged surface, on top of a painted surface, and works especially well with jewelry.

Your project is now complete! Allow it to dry for 24 – 48 hours before using.

# DECOUPAGE A PLANT STAND

## Materials:

- Wood plant stand
- Mod Podge Outdoor
- Mod Podge Rocks Peel n' Stick
- Stencils – Dots
- FolkArt Multi-Surfaces – colors of your choice
- Scrapbook paper
- Stencil tape
- Craft knife and mat
- Ribbons
- Scissors
- Mod Podge Spouncers
- Paintbrushes
- Craft glue
- Ruler

## Instructions:

1. Measure the wood slats on the top of your plant stand. Using the craft knife and ruler, cut out enough paper to cover the slats (I used four strips). Set the paper aside.
2. Paint the top of the plant stand with warm white and the base with green. Paint several coats and let dry.
3. Apply the polka dot peel n' stick stencil to one side of the plant stand, taping off any areas that you don't want paint to get onto.
4. Use a spouncer to apply paint to the stencil. Peel up the stencil immediately, wash and return to the backer sheet.
5. Let the paint dry on the plant stand and repeat on the other side.
6. Apply the strips of scrapbook paper to the top of the plant stand using Mod Podge Outdoor. Let dry for 15 – 20 minutes, then put on a top coat. Let dry.
7. Give your plant stand several coats of Mod Podge Outdoor, letting them dry in between.
8. Finish it off by adding ribbon to the ends with craft glue.
9. Let dry for 24 hours before setting a plant on top.



# ON BEACH TIME HANGING PLAQUE

## Materials:

- Apple Barrel Paint Colors – Apricot, Carribean, Cloudless, Lemon Chiffon, Key West, Pool Blue, Sky Blue
- Mod Podge Mod Melts – White Milk Glass
- Mod Podge Mod Molds - Flowers
- Stretched canvas 11 x 14
- Hot glue gun
- Flat brush ¼” and ½”
- Round brush #4
- Tape
- Poster board
- Double sided tape
- Two eye screws
- Jute
- Ruler
- Glue
- Pencil
- Water basin
- Paper towels
- Foam plates

## Instructions:

1. Create multiple flower mod molds using mod melts and hot glue gun. Refer to photo for number of mod molds used.
2. Place strips of double sided tape onto poster board. Place flowers onto tape to secure while painting. Paint with Apricot. Let dry.
3. Measure canvas into five equal sections horizontally and draw lightly with pencil line. Tape off one section at a time and paint with colors shown. Refer to photo for color placement.
4. Place foam plate onto canvas for template to create sun. Lightly trace with pencil and paint with Lemon Chiffon.
5. Lay out flowers onto canvas to create letters as shown. Attach with glue.
6. Insert eye screws into canvas.
7. Tie ends of a length of jute to eye screws to create hanger.

Tip: Add shell or beach related elements for added embellishments.





# INSECT IDENTIFICATION CHART

## Materials:

- Wood slice from the craft store
- Mod Podge Matte
- Scrapbook paper – colors of your choice including white
- Scissors or die cutter to make ID tags
- Paintbrush
- Clip art of insects of your choice
- Pen
- Detail scissors (optional)

## Instructions:

1. Choose your insects and print out silhouettes of them using your printer.  
You can get more detailed if you are working with older children – it depends on the cutting skills of your child. Pick 6 – 8 insects to identify (try to focus on your local area!) and cut them out using scrapbook paper.
2. You have a couple choices for cutting out the tags. You can do it by hand, or you can use a die cutter.
3. Make an ID card for each insect that you cut out.
4. As you cut out your insects, lay them out on your wood slice surface.
5. Write the name of each insect on the ID tag.
6. Once you have all of the names written on the ID tags, Mod Podge everything down to the surface. Add Mod Podge to the wood slice, place the bugs and tags down and smooth. Let dry for 15 – 20 minutes.
7. Once the project is dry, give it several coats of Mod Podge over the top and let dry again.



# SUMMER SILHOUETTE WINDOW ART



## Materials:

- Plaid Craft Stencils – Value Packs Blanks
- Mod Podge Wash Out for Kids
- Bright colored tissue paper
- Black construction paper
- Hole punch
- Tape
- Scissors
- Flat brush ½”
- Craft knife
- Glue
- Jump rings
- Small chain
- Paper towels
- Water basin

## Instructions:

1. Cut strips of tissue paper and apply to stencil blank overlapping slightly. Apply with Mod Podge Wash-Out. Let dry.
2. Tape pattern over construction paper and cut out with craft knife (an adult might want to do this part).
3. Trim any excess tissue paper with scissors.
4. Glue construction paper silhouette over stencil blank.
5. Punch two holes at top of blank and attach jump rings.
6. Attach chain to jump rings for hanger.

# GNOME WOODLAND BIRDHOUSE

## Materials:

- Wood birdhouse
- FolkArt Outdoor acrylic paint – Burnt
- Umber, Fresh Foliage, Pure Orange
- Mod Podge Outdoor
- Woodland scrapbook paper and stickers, including alphabets
- Cardstock – yellow, brown, orange
- Die cutter or scissors
- Craft knife
- Ruler
- Paintbrush

## Instructions:

1. Paint your birdhouse with the FolkArt colors. Use Fresh Foliage for the sides, Burnt Umber for the roof and Pure Orange for the perch. This Outdoor paint is self-sealing and really durable, so you are good to put it outside.
2. Cut the papers to fit your birdhouse. Use a woodgrain pattern on the roof and another pattern for three sides of the house.
3. Use your cardstock to create mushroom shapes. Do it with a die cutter or scissors.
4. Paint a medium layer of Outdoor Mod Podge on one side of the birdhouse.
5. Adhere the trimmed paper and smooth thoroughly. Let it dry for 15 – 20 minutes and repeat on all sides.
6. Once dry, paint a coat of Outdoor Mod Podge over the whole birdhouse. Let dry and repeat.
7. Attach all of the embellishments with craft glue, then gave the entire birdhouse a third coat of Outdoor Mod Podge (including over the embellishments).
8. Let dry 24 hours before hanging outside.



# SUMMER CALENDAR TILE BOARD



## Materials:

- Plaid Wood Tile Board
- Apple Barrel Paint Colors – Black, Snow White
- FolkArt Chalkboard Multi-Surface Paint – Black
- FolkArt Multi-Surface Satin Acrylic Paint – Daffodil Yellow
- Mod Podge Satin
- Scrapbook paper- patterns and months
- Black and white copies of 3 summer photos
- #10 flat brush

## Instructions:

1. Remove Tiles and basecoat all with White, let dry.
2. Basecoat 3 tiles with Black and Let dry. Apply 2 coats of chalkboard paint following general directions and let dry.
3. Paint the frame with Daffodil Yellow and let dry.
4. Using the tiles as a pattern, cut out desired scrapbook papers to fit where desired.
5. Following direction on Mod Podge apply papers to each tile and let dry. Cut the photo copies smaller than the tiles and apply with Mod Podge as shown. Let dry.
6. Personalize calendar with Chalk stick.

# DIY NAUTICAL INSPIRED CANVASES

## Materials:

- Scrapbook paper – colors of your choice
- FolkArt Acrylic Paint – Light Blue, Midnight, Wicker White
- Mod Podge Gloss
- Canvases – set of 4, 6"x6"
- Nautical silhouette clip art – you'll need to have these sized to your canvases
- Paint in the colors of your choice
- Stencil tape
- Scissors
- Craft knife

## Instructions:

1. First decide on your four silhouettes. For this project, we used a nautical flag, a ship steering wheel, an anchor, and a life preserver. All you need to do to find the right clip art is search for "nautical silhouettes" online. Or if you know what you want, search for "anchor silhouette" (for example). There are a ton of free sources. Once you have decided what you want, print it out and make sure it's going to fit inside the canvas. Set aside.
2. Paint your canvases using your paint and brush. Paint one Wicker White, one Midnight, and two Light Blue. Let dry.
3. Use your craft knife and scissors to carefully cut out your silhouettes from the scrapbook paper. Make sure they are taped down with stencil (or painter's) tape.
4. Once your silhouettes are cut out, simply Mod Podge them to the fronts of the canvases. Let them dry.
5. Let dry for 24 hours before hanging.



# COLORFUL SUMMER TABLE CADDY



## Materials:

- Plaid Wood Surface – Blank Canvas Panel, 10” x 10”
- Plaid Wood Surfaces – 8 Petal Flower
- Mod Podge Satin
- Apple Barrel Paint Colors – Black, Key West, Laguna, Lime Tree, Pink Eraser
- FolkArt Paint Tools – Spouncer Value Pack
- 3 Medium tin cans
- 1 Large tin can
- 1 Small tin can
- Scrap piece of fabric
- Medium flat brush
- Painters tape
- Hot glue gun
- Craft knife

## Instructions:

1. Remove labels from cans and wash and dry.
2. Paint wood canvas with Laguna and let dry.
3. Cut fabric to fit inside of wood canvas/tray as shown. Following directions on Mod Podge, apply fabric to wood as shown. Let dry.
4. Basecoat cans the colors shown in photo and let dry. Apply two coats, allowing to dry between coats.
5. Using painters tape, tape off cans as shown and paint colors shown in photo. Let paint dry. Before removing tape, score edge with craft blade.
6. Squeeze paint onto palette and dip Spouncer into first paint color. Press onto can creating Spouncer pattern. Repeat with all colors shown repeating the Spouncer flower pattern onto cans. Let dry.
7. Paint wood flower with Pink Eraser and Black. Let dry.
8. Add dots with small Spouncer and Key West. Let dry.
9. Using hot glue, add flower to large can.
10. Fill with picnic utensils and arrange as desired.

# DOLLAR STORE CRAFT: FLORAL MIRROR

## Materials:

- Mirror – any kind, just as long as it's not plastic
- FolkArt acrylic paint – Aqua
- Sparkle Mod Podge
- Scrapbook paper – colors and patterns of your choice
- Buttons – to coordinate with the paper
- 1-inch scallop punch
- Paintbrush
- Scissors
- Craft glue
- Sandpaper
- Mini screwdriver set – to remove parts

## Instructions:

1. Remove all hardware from your mirror.
2. Sand any coating that's on the paint; wipe away the sanding dust with a tack cloth or wet paper towel.
3. Paint the frame with Aqua. You will need several coats. Set aside to dry.
4. Cut out shapes from your paper.
5. Start laying out the shapes on the mirror to figure out your design – use a punch to create shapes as well.
6. Mod Podge the shapes to the mirror and let them dry for about 15 – 20 minutes.
7. Add a top coat of Sparkle Mod Podge so that your mirror really blings.
8. Add buttons with craft glue. Let the whole thing dry before replacing the parts.



# PATRIOTIC PARTY BOWL

## Materials:

- Mod Podge Gloss
- FolkArt Acrylic Colors – Lipstick Red
- Scissors
- Old book pages (or copies)
- Clear plastic bowl
- Foam paintbrush
- Red tissue paper
- Hot glue
- Blue sewing trim



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## Instructions:

1. Remove labels from cans and wash and dry.
2. Paint wood canvas with Laguna and let dry.
3. Cut fabric to fit inside of wood canvas/tray as shown. Following directions on Mod Podge, apply fabric to wood as shown. Let dry.
4. Basecoat cans the colors shown in photo and let dry. Apply two coats, allowing to dry between coats.
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