

# Coaster Starter Kit

INSTRUCTIONS

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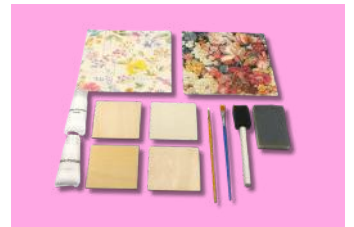




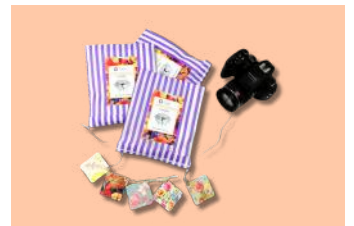
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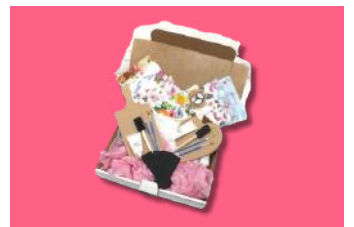
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## The Products we Use

We believe that quality starts with the best materials. That's why we carefully select premium supplies for all our products.

we ensure that every item meets high standards. We're committed to using only the finest materials to deliver products that are both reliable and inspiring, so you can enjoy crafting and decorating with confidence.

### Children Should Always be Supervised by an Adult When Using Crafty Kits



#### Mod Podge - Our Glue & Sealer of Choice

It is a standout choice for crafters because of its versatility and ease of use. It's a non-toxic, water-based adhesive and sealant that dries clear. We have tried many other glues and have found Mod Podge to be the very best. We buy it in bulk and transfer to smaller containers. It is also child friendly.

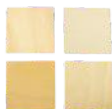
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#### Scola - Artmix White Paint

Scola Artmix White Paint is a fantastic choice for any crafting project due to its rich, high-quality formula. It offers excellent coverage and a smooth, even finish. Its vibrant, opaque white color enhances the brightness of your designs and provides a clean, professional look. Plus, it's easy to clean up and non-toxic, ensuring it is safe for crafters of all ages. Child Friendly used by schools. We buy in bulk and transfer to smaller containers.

Safety Sheet - [www.scolaquip.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Artmix-SDS-1021.pdf](http://www.scolaquip.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Artmix-SDS-1021.pdf)



#### Wooden Coaster Blanks

At Crafty Kits, we take pride in the quality of our wooden shapes, manufactured by a family-run UK business using high-grade MDF. Each shape is laser cut to precision, ensuring smooth edges and durability.



#### Napkins

Our decoupage kit features premium PAW Decor designed napkins are the main ones that we use, some of the kits may have another brand. There vibrant colors and intricate design bring our coaster kits to life kit to life.



#### Other Items

Whenever possible, we strive to support other small UK businesses by sourcing our materials locally. However, due to pricing and market competition, some items may be sourced from suppliers in China. Regardless of the origin, we prioritise quality and ensure that only the best products are selected for our kits. All our kits are carefully hand assembled at our workshop in Orpington, Kent.

# DECOUPAGE STARTER KIT



## A) Prepare the Surface of the Coaster

**You will need: Sandpaper**

***TIP:** Prepare the surface of the coasters well in advance of decouping them. If you don't, you may not be happy with the final result. I recommend preparing them the day before you start decouping. This will give the paint enough time to fully dry and harden, ensuring you achieve a smooth and quality finish.*



## Step 1 Prepare for painting

Lightly sand the coasters to smooth the surface and help the paint adhere better. Clean them thoroughly to remove any dust for a flawless finish.

## Step 2 Painting the coaster

**You will need Foam Brush, White Paint**

Using the foam brush, apply a thin layer of emulsion paint to the surface of the coasters. You'll need between 2 and 3 coats. Be sure to let each coat dry completely before applying the next coat this may take a few hours.



## Preparing the Surface of the Coaster

**You will need Sandpaper**

## Step 3 Sanding the the coaster

Once dry, lightly sand the surface and remove any dust particles. Repeat this after each coat of paint.

***Tip:** Make sure the paint is fully dry before sanding, and be gentle - you're only smoothing the surface, not removing the paint.*



## B) Preparing the Napkin

**You will need: Napkin & sticky tape (Not supplied)**

## Step 4 Separate the backing sheets.

Take a napkin and separate the 2 backing sheets from the printed top sheet.

***Tip:** Be careful, as the layers can sometimes be tricky to separate. A simple way to do this is by taking a small piece of sticky tape, sticking it to the white backing sheet (away from the edge of the napkin), and then slowly pulling it off. This will lightly tear the top backing sheet, giving you an edge to separate the remaining layers.*

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## B) Preparing the Napkin

### Step 5

Remove the top backing sheet, then apply another piece of tape to peel off the second backing sheet (if it's a 3-ply napkin). Be careful not to tear the printed top layer.



## B) Preparing the Napkin

**You will need: Pointed Detail Brush, Pot of Water**  
**Step 6 Cutting the Napkin into Quarters**

You can cut along the fold marks with scissors, or for a better method, use a pointed detailing brush. Dip it in water and run it along the crease in the napkin - this will allow you to gently pull it apart. Alternatively, you can carefully tear the napkin, but be cautious to avoid ripping it.



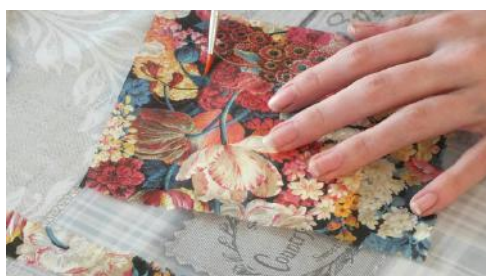
## B) Preparing the Napkin

**You will need: Pointed Detail Brush, Water**  
**Step 7 Cutting the Napkin to Size**

***TIP:** If you plan to tear the napkin, press firmly along the folded line with a ruler. This will help create a straighter tear.*

*Alternatively, you can use the small pointed detail brush to apply a tiny amount of water along the fold line and then tear along the wetted area. Take care not to use too much water, as it can spread. Be sure to let the napkin dry afterwards.*

You now need to split the napkin into quarters, one for each coaster.



## B) Preparing the Napkin

### Step 8 Sizing the Napkin

Using the pointed detailing brush, apply water in a parallel line about 1 to 1.5 cm from the edge of the coaster. Tear along the wet line to remove any excess napkin, ensuring it won't interfere when you start decoupageing.



# DECOUPAGE STARTER KIT



## C) Decoupage the Coaster

**You Will Need. Pasting Brush, Mod Podge, Cling Film**  
**Step 9**

Take the flat pasting brush and apply a thin line of Mod Podge glue across one of the top edges of the coaster. Be careful not to apply too much glue, as it can soak into the napkin and cause it to tear. One or two light lines of glue will be enough.



## C) Decoupage the Coaster

### Step 10 Placing the Napkin

Position the design over the coaster, making sure it's aligned the way you want it. Then, carefully place the napkin onto the glued surface.



## C) Decoupage the Coaster

### Step 11 Smoothing the Napkin

Place a sheet of cling film over the top of the napkin and gently press along the glue line to smooth out any air bubbles. Start in the centre of the glued area and work your way out to the edges to ensure the napkin is flat and wrinkle-free. Once done, slowly and carefully remove the cling film.



## C) Decoupage the Coaster. Gluing Tips

***Tip:** If you try to glue all the area of the coaster at once, there's a risk of the napkin folding and creating wrinkles that can't be fixed.*

***Allow the napkin to dry for a minute or longer, depending on how much glue you've used. If you make a mistake, don't worry - decoupage is quite forgiving, and you can fix things later. The best advice I can give is to avoid overworking the napkin while it's wet; wait until it's dry. See our Tips guide***

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## C) Decouping the Coaster. Gluing Tips

*If you've used too much glue, removing the cling film too quickly could pull the napkin off with it.*

*Try not to reuse the same part of the cling film as it may have some of the Mod Podge stuck to it and this could damage the napkin. Try to use a clean unused part or get a new piece from the roll.*

## C) Decouping the Coaster Step 12 Repeat Step 9 to 11

Repeat the same application method until you have completed the coaster.



## C) Decouping the Coaster

**You will need: Sanding Paper**

### Step 13 Drying & Cutting Excess Napkin

Once the napkin has fully dried, take the sanding block and gently sand along the edge of the coaster in a downward motion. This will help cut the napkin and separate it from the coaster. Work along all four edges until you've removed any excess napkin.

## C) Decouping the Coaster

**You will need: Foam Brush, Mod Podge**

### Step 14 Sealing the Coaster

Once you've finished, apply a coat of Mod Podge over the entire surface of the coasters to seal the napkin.

**Tip:** *Be careful not to apply too much pressure or work the glue too much once it's wet, as this could damage the napkin. Allow it to dry fully, then repeat the process for an even finish.*



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## D) C) Decoupage the Coaster Step 15 Remaining Coasters

Repeat the same process for the remaining coasters. Ensure each one is fully dry before moving on to the next, and take care with each step to achieve a consistent finish across all your coasters.

You can if you wish decoupage both sides of the coaster. If you do this it is best to paint both sides prior to decoupageing.



## C) Decoupage the Coaster Step 16 Finishing

You can apply a coat of varnish (not supplied) instead of sealing with Mod Podge but be aware of what varnish you select, as some like yacht varnish yellows as it ages.

The best types of varnish to use are polyurethane based ones. Varnishing will give the coaster a much tougher finish and waterproofing.



## C) Decoupage the Coaster You will need: Sanding Paper Step 16 Finishing cont.

For the best results, lightly sand after each coat of sealer. This will help achieve a smooth, high-quality finish on your coasters. Remember to clean after each sanding.



## C) Decoupage the Coaster

### Step 17 Using Your Coasters

Mod Podge takes 21 to 28 days to fully cure (or harden). If the coaster is used before it's fully cured, the design may get damaged, and items could stick to it. Be sure to let it cure completely before use.

After this time you can clean with a damp cloth. Do not submerge in water.

# DECOUPAGE TIPS & TRICKS

## 1. Choose the Right Paper

- Start with thin papers like napkins, tissue paper, or decoupage paper, which adhere well and are easier to work with.
- Avoid thick or glossy papers at first, as they may wrinkle or bubble more easily.

## 2. Prepare the Surface

- Ensure the surface is clean, smooth, and dry. Sand down rough or uneven areas to help the paper adhere evenly.
- If working on wood or other porous surfaces, apply a base coat of paint or primer.

## 3. Use Decoupage Medium Sparingly

- A little glue goes a long way. Apply a thin layer of decoupage medium (like Mod Podge) to the surface and avoid overloading it.
- Too much glue can cause wrinkling and make it harder to smooth the paper.
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## 4. Work in Sections

- If covering a large surface, work in small sections at a time to avoid the glue drying out before you apply the paper.

## 5. Smooth Out Bubbles

- After placing your paper on the surface, gently smooth it out using your fingers, a sponge, or a brayer. Work from the center outward to push out any air bubbles.



## 6. Seal in Layers

- Once the paper is adhered, apply several thin layers of decoupage medium or varnish over the top, letting each layer dry before applying the next.

## 7. Patience with Drying

- Let each layer of glue and sealant dry completely before adding another. Rushing can result in smudging or wrinkling.

## 8. Use Sandpaper for Finishing

- For clean edges, you can use scissors or water brush to trim the paper close to the edge of your object.
- Then use fine-grit sandpaper to gently sand away excess paper along the edges after it has dried, creating a polished look.

## 9. Experiment with Layers

- You can layer different papers, images, or even materials like fabric. Just be sure to apply glue and sealant between each layer.

## 10. Avoid Overhandling the Paper

- Wet paper can tear easily, so handle it gently once the glue is applied. It's better to reposition it with care or use a thin brush to guide it into place.

## 11. Watch for Wrinkling

- Lightly misting thicker papers with water before applying them can help prevent wrinkling. Just be careful not to soak them.

## DECOUPAGE TIPS & TRICKS CONT.

**Tearing decoupage napkins is often preferred over cutting them with scissors or a knife.**

### **1. Blends Edges More Seamlessly**

- *Tearing creates a soft, feathered edge, creating strands of paper which allows the napkin to blend into the background more smoothly when adhered. Cut edges, by contrast, tend to stand out and create more defined lines, making it harder to achieve a seamless look.*

**Experiment using Different Paint Background Colours.**

### **1. Alters the Vibrancy of the Paper Design**

**Light Colors:** *light-colored background (like pastels or beige) can still maintain much of the vibrancy of the design but may slightly soften the overall look compared to a white background.*

**2.Dark Colors:** *Dark backgrounds can dramatically change the appearance of the paper's colors, especially if you're using thin materials like napkins or tissue paper.*



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### **Trimming Round Corners & Edges**

When working with round surfaces like bottles, always tear the napkin instead of cutting it. Create multiple small tears along the edges of the napkin to allow the paper to overlap smoothly without causing wrinkles. If you're working with a delicate design, make the tears closer together.

For trimming around edges, make tears about 1 cm or less apart, then glue them down carefully. This technique helps prevent wrinkling and avoids the sharp, visible edges that scissors or knives leave behind.

### **Fixing Mistakes**

If you make a mistake, don't worry—you can always clean it off and start again. Decoupage is quite forgiving, especially with issues like tears or gaps.

Simply tear a piece of napkin slightly larger than the affected area, matching the color or design. Lightly apply glue to the spot, and use a fine detail brush to place the patch onto your project.

### **Cling Film**

Cling film is a great tool for quickly smoothing out air bubbles and small wrinkles in your decoupage project.

Simply place a piece of cling film slightly larger than your napkin over the area, and gently smooth it out with your fingertip, a credit card, or a roller. Be sure to use a clean piece each time—if you use one that already has glue on it, you risk lifting the paper off the surface.

We hope you have as much fun creating your project as we had putting this kit together! CAUTION: Crafting and hoarding craft supplies may lead to an incurable addiction—don't say we didn't warn you! But seriously, have an amazing and creative crafting journey! (We bear no responsibility for your overflowing craft room!)