



SALT BOX CANDLE

Applying tissue decoupage paper to paper
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Supplies:

Salt Container
Tissue Decoupage Paper
White Glue - like Elmer's Glue-all
White copy paper
Battery operated Votive Candle
Stain or glazing medium
Stamps
Pigment stamp pad
Glitter
Ribbon
Small Sea Sponge



Step 1

Remove label from salt container. Use the label as a pattern to cut the same length from regular white copy paper, add 1/2 inches to width. Trace top of salt container onto paper, add 1/2 inch to fold under. Draw circle the size of the base of votive. Cut slits to fold under.



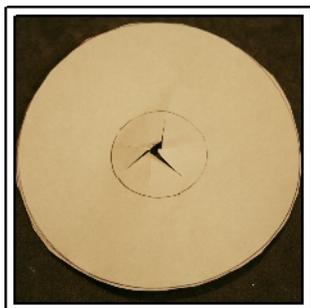
Step 2

Trace votive on top of box and cut out with xacto knife.



Step 3

Apply glue to front of and back of white paper pattern cut from top of salt container. Work glue into paper well. Add glue to top of salt container, fold center circle inside of cutout on container and adhere to underside. Smooth out wrinkles with fingers. Make sure to keep your fingers damp and loaded with glue so the paper doesn't lift. Turn sides over top of box.



Step 4

Apply glue to front and back of white paper pattern cut from side of salt container. Work glue into paper well. Add glue to side of salt container, apply paper. Smooth out wrinkles with fingers. Turn sides over bottom of box. Let dry.



Step 5

Cut images from tissue paper, remove backing. We rounded the corners for a softer look.



Step 6

Apply glue to top and back of image, immediately apply the image in a staggered fashion on to covered salt container. Let Dry.



Step 7

Using a water-based stain or glazing medium and a small damp sea sponge, sponge two to three layers of stain on to salt container, make sure to add stain over images. We used one coat of raw umber, and then a lighter coat of burnt umber. Let dry. You can varnish with gloss varnish for a shiny look. Let dry



Step 8

Apply glazing medium/stain to white votive with the sponge so it blends into the candle. Fill your candle in the top with rice, sand, shredded paper, recycle peanuts, or anything that is not too heavy, then put turn your candle on and put it in the center of your artistic masterpiece. The project was borne of the fact that I am allergic to scented candles, I did these for a Halloween party and no one knew they weren't real!

Tips & Tricks

Make sure to keep your fingers damp and loaded with glue while you are applying paper to container, this will prevent you fingers from sticking to the container. You can add glitter mixed with glue, ribbon, stamps, charms and much more, to personalize your candle. Happy Crafting!

