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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!

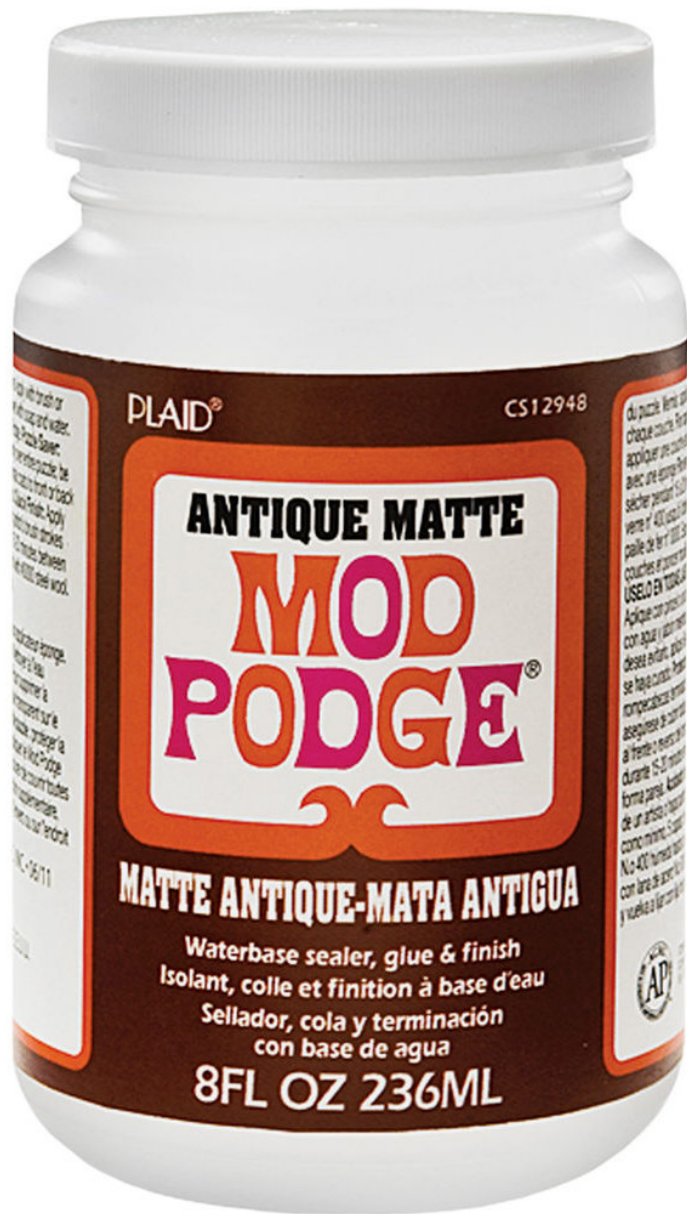
I'm thrilled to be working with Plaid to bring you a monthly e-book featuring a different decoupage topic each time. We hope each one will get your crafting juices flowing! We'd love to hear which ideas you try and see the finished projects online – visit either www.plaidonline.com or my blog, modpodgerocksblog.com,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

Thank you and Happy Decoupageing!

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Mod Podge Rocks



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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.



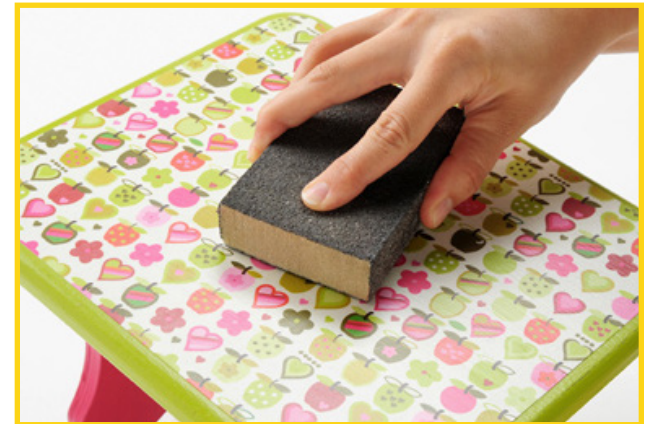
Keep smoothing until all of the bubbles are removed.

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.

BURLAP WRAPPED PUMPKIN

Materials:

- Mod Podge Matte
- FolkArt Acrylic Paint – Pure Orange
- 6.5” Faux Pumpkin
- Fall Burlap Ribbon - 2 Designs
- ¾” Spouncer
- Scissors
- Glue
- Raffia
- Wax Paper
- Fall Floral Embellishments
- Foam Plates
- Water Basin
- Paper Towels

Instructions:

1. Cut a piece of the first burlap ribbon. Lay on wax paper and apply Mod Podge Matte with a spouncer. Let dry and cut out in circle shape. Use a glass or other round object as a template.
2. Cut a length of the second burlap ribbon to wrap around the pumpkin; fray the edges.
3. Lay the second ribbon flat on wax paper and use a spouncer to apply Pure Orange dots. Let dry.
4. Glue the ribbon around the pumpkin. Glue the circle from step 1 on the front.
5. Attach floral embellishments as desired. Tie raffia into a bow and glue to circle as shown.



THANKSGIVING PLATE & CHARGER SET



Materials:

- Mod Podge Gloss
- Mod Podge Fabric
- Fall Themed Scrapbook Papers
- Gold Charger
- Glass Plate
- Fall Leaf Paper Punch
- Scissors
- Foam Brush
- Burlap Fabric
- Instructions

Instructions:

Burlap Plates

1. Cut a fall leaf shape from the scrapbook paper. Apply a thin coat of Mod Podge to the top of a paper leaf. Working on the backside of the plate, position the leaf in the center. Press with your fingers to remove any air bubbles and allow to dry.
2. Trim the burlap so it is just larger than the plate. Coat the entire backside of the plate with a thick coat of Fabric Mod Podge. Position the burlap on the back of the plate. Smooth with your fingers. Place the wet side up and allow to dry overnight. Once dry, trim around the edge to get a smooth edge.

Note: This plate is not waterproof – to make it waterproof, use Mod Podge Dishwasher Safe.

Dinner Charger

1. Using a paper punch, punch fall leaf shapes from scrapbook papers.
2. Apply a thin coat of Mod Podge to the back of a paper leaves. Position the leaves on the edge of the charger, press with your fingers to remove any air bubbles and allow to dry. Once dry, top coat with a thin coat of Mod Podge.

GIVE THANKS DOOR HANGING

Materials:

- Mod Podge Matte
- FolkArt Acrylic Paint – Olive Green, True Burgundy
- Wood Plaque
- Foam Paintbrush
- Scrapbook Papers (stripes, dots, checks and floral)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Paper Punches – Circles of Various sizes
- 2 Decorative Buttons
- Wood Letters Spelling “GIVE THANKS”
- Hot Glue and Glue Gun
- Velvet Ribbon

Instructions:

1. Paint the plaque with two coats of True Burgundy paint. Allow to dry.
2. Trace around the top of the plaque to make a template of the shape. Cut one shape from a piece of striped scrapbook paper, cut a second one slightly smaller from dotted paper.
3. Coat both sides of the striped paper with Mod Podge, position on the top of the plaque, and smooth. Let dry for 15 – 20 minutes and topcoat with more Mod Podge. Allow to dry. Layer the dotted paper over the stripe paper in the same fashion using Mod Podge.
4. Use craft punches to punch out scalloped circles and plain circles from scrapbook paper.
5. Using Mod Podge, attach the circles in a layered pattern on the top and bottom of the plaque. Once dry, hot glue a button in the center.
6. Paint the wood letters with Olive Green paint. Once dry, hot glue across the plaque.
7. Add a hanger by hot gluing a ribbon to the back of the plaque.



PUMPKIN CANDLE HOSTESS GIFT



Materials:

- Mod Podge Gloss
- Mod Podge Dimensional Magic
- Mod Podge Acrylic Shapes - Basics
- Fall scrapbook Paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paintbrush
- Glass Candle Holder
- Ribbon
- Jump Ring (jewelry section of the craft store)

Instructions:

Pumpkin Pendant

1. Begin with a large rectangle Podgeable shape. Trim fall scrapbook paper to fit the top of the Podgeable shape.
2. Apply a thin coat of Mod Podge to the top of the Podgeable shape and to the back of the paper. Position the paper on the Podgeable. Smooth with your fingers. Apply a top-coat of Mod Podge. Allow to dry 2 hours.
3. Cover the Podgeable with Dimensional Magic. Begin around the outer edge and fill until the entire pendant is covered. Dry for 24 hours in an undisturbed and non-drafty place.

Tip: While the Dimensional Magic is drying don't move the pendant around or you might get air bubbles. If you do get an air bubble, use a sewing pin to pop it.

Candle Holder

1. Trim the fall paper to fit on the front of the glass candle. Apply Mod Podge to the back of the paper and position on the candle. Smooth with your fingers to remove any air bubbles. Allow to dry.
2. Tie a bow around the neck of the candle and attach the Podgeable with the jump ring.

PAPER TOWEL ROLL NAPKIN RINGS

Materials:

- Mod Podge Matte
- Paper Towel Rolls
- 2.5" Burlap Ribbon
- Scrabble Tiles
- Hot Glue Gun

Instructions:

1. Cut each paper towel roll to be about 2 3/8" in length.
2. Cut a length of ribbon to go around the paper towel roll, there will be a little ribbon overlap on each end.
3. Place Mod Podge on the paper towel roll and wrap the ribbon. Place a lot of Mod Podge on the outside of the ribbon around the roll and let dry. Add more Mod Podge as needed.
4. Hot glue Scrabble tiles – use the first letter of the name of each guest!
5. Stick the napkin through the paper towel roll lengthwise to use.



APPLIQUE THANKSGIVING PLACEMAT

Materials:

- Mod Podge Fabric
- Placemat
- Fall Themed Fabric
- Burlap Fabric
- Craft Glue
- Scissors
- Foam Paintbrush
- Felt Leaf Rim
- Buttons
- Instructions

Instructions:

1. Cut a fall leaf shape from the fabrics. Apply a thin coat of Mod Podge Fabric to the back of the leaves. Working on the corner of the placemat, glue the leaves to the corner. Tear a strip of fabric to fit the side edge of the placemat, attach with Mod Podge Fabric.
2. Glue a strip of felt leaves down the edge and cut leaves to the leaves. Glue a button in the center of the leaf motif.



KIDS TABLE TURKEY CENTERPIECE

Materials:

- Kids Wash Out Mod Podge
- Large Brown Pom Pom
- Craft Foam 4" Ball
- Two 3" Wood Circles
- Flat Brush ½"
- Jumbo Craft Sticks
- Assorted Scrapbook Papers
- Newspaper
- Orange/Purple Striped Chenille Pipe Cleaners
- Yellow and Orange Felt Scraps
- Small Google Eyes
- Glue
- Scissors
- Leather Lacing

Instructions:

1. Cut newspaper into small squares. Insert a dowel rod or pencil into foam ball. Apply squares to ball with Mod Podge. Let dry and seal with several coats.
2. Cut approximately one inch off of one end of craft sticks.
3. Trace sticks onto backs of scrapbook paper and cut out. Use Mod Podge to apply paper to sticks. Let dry and seal with additional coats.
4. Cut a small diamond shape out of yellow felt. Fold in half and secure with glue. Cut a small teardrop shape out of orange felt and glue to yellow beak. Glue beak to brown pompom as shown. Glue google eyes to pompom. Glue head to foam ball over hole made by pencil.
5. Glue craft stick in a half circle to one 3" wood circle. Cut ends of another craft stick approximately one and one half inches and glue at angles under already glued sticks. Glue second 3" circle over sticks to sandwich them.
6. Glue craft stick tail to opposite end of foam ball from head.
7. Twist chenille stems into feet and glue to bottom of foam ball.
8. Project Tip: Personalize the body of turkey by writing with a black marker or paint pen.



THANKFUL FALL BURLAP ART



Materials:

- Mod Podge Gloss
- Mod Podge Dimensional Magic
- Mod Podge Acrylic Shapes - Basics
- Fall Scrapbook Paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paintbrush
- Letter Stickers
- Yarn
- Needle
- Burlap Canvas
- Hot Glue Gun
- Family Photo
- Buttons
- Silk Flowers
- Leather Lacing

Instructions:

1. Begin with the small square Podgeable shape. Trim fall scrapbook paper to fit the top of the Podgeable shapes. (You can use paper punches too)
2. Apply a thin coat of Mod Podge to the tops of the Podgeable shapes and to the back of the papers. Position the papers on the Podgeables. Smooth with your fingers. Apply a top-coat of Mod Podge. Allow to dry 2 hours.
3. Attach a letter stickers to the center of the Podgeable shapes. Cover the Podgeable shapes with Dimensional Magic. Begin around the outer edge and fill until the entire Podgeable is covered. Dry for 24 hours in an undisturbed and non-drafty place.
4. Tie yarn through the holes on the Podgeable shapes. Using the same yarn, sew a row of straight stitches through the canvas. This will be the “rope” that holds up the “thankful banner”. Hot glue the Podgeables across the stitched line.
5. Attach the photo to the canvas by using a drop of hot glue in each corner. Add silk flowers and buttons to the design. Tie a piece of leather lacing around the outer edge of the canvas.

CALICO QUILT PARTY TRAY

Materials:

- Mod Podge Hard Coat
- Mod Podge Professional Tool Set
- Fall Themed Scrapbook Papers
- Scissors
- Foam Brush

Instructions:

1. Cut the scrapbook paper into squares. You can cut them into random shapes and sizes or keep them the same.
2. Apply a coat of Mod Podge to the base of the tray. Apply a thin coat of Mod Podge to the back of a paper square. Position the square on the tray and roll over it with the brayer.
3. Continue with all the squares until the base of the tray is covered. Use the flat squeegee to help when applying the papers to the corners. You can overlap the papers or line them straight up. Brayer over the entire design. Allow to dry for 15 minutes and then top with 3 layers of Mod Podge with dry time in between.

PROJECT TIP: This same idea can be made with fabric scraps!



PUMPKIN CANDLE CENTERPIECE



Materials:

- Mod Podge Stiffy
- Folkart Extreme Glitter - Gold
- Woven Fiber Placemat (Round)
- Large Craft Bowl
- Tin Foil
- Medium Craft Bowl
- Burlap Fabric
- Glass Candleholder Cylinder
- Fall Fabric Motif
- Foam Pumpkin
- Craft Knife
- Fall Floral Picks
- Fall Leaf Trim
- Fall Silk Flowers
- Fall Felt Leaf Ribbon
- Hot Glue

Instructions:

1. Trim the burlap so it will fit around the glass candleholder cylinder. Make sure you leave a little extra for overlapping. Coat the outside of the cylinder fabric Mod Podge. Use a thick coat. Position the burlap on the cylinder. Smooth with your fingers. Use fabric Mod Podge to attach the fall fabric motif to the top-center of design. Allow to dry. Once dry, trim around the edge to get a smooth edge if needed.
2. Using a craft knife, cut a hole in the top of the pumpkin. Continue carving until the space is large enough to hold the burlap wrapped cylinder.
3. Using a foam paintbrush, apply two coats of Gold Extreme Glitter to the outside of the pumpkin. Allow to dry.
4. Place the candleholder cylinder in the carved hole. Using hot glue, attach silk flowers and fall trim to the base of the candleholder.



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