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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.

A LIL' END-TABLE RE-DO, FURNITURE UPCYCLE!

Materials:

- Folk Art Acrylic Paint – Teal, Glazed Carrots, Magenta, Sky Blue
- Mod Podge Hard Coat
- Scrapbook paper of your choice (2 sheets)
- 1" Flat paintbrush
- Craft glue

- Scalloped Edge Scissors

- Pencil

- Ruler

- 1 ½" wood knob

Note: Correspond the paint colors to your scrap booking papers, like I did! Also, if your table starts out really dark and you are painting with light colors, I suggest base-coating with White to limit the number of coats you have to paint.

Instructions:

1. Using the paint brush, base-coat the top of the table Glazed Carrots, the sides and legs of the table Teal and the bottom shelf Sky Blue. You will need several coats of all colors. Allow to dry.
2. While the table is drying, select two pieces of scrap booking paper and measure the size you will need. Cut the correct shape and size out of two different (but coordinating) sheets of paper with the scalloped edge scissors. Set aside.
3. Glue the papers down to the table (top and shelf) using Mod Podge. Allow to dry at least 15-20 minutes.
4. While the paper is drying, paint the knob Magenta. Allow to dry and glue to the front of the table using craft glue. Allow knob to dry.
5. Coat the entire table with at least two coats of Mod Podge. Allow to dry for at least 48 hours before using.



A FABRIC COVERED DIY STORAGE BOX



Materials:

- Folk Art Acrylic Paint – Grass Green, Teal (I'd get 3 of each)
- Mod Podge Fabric & Mod Podge Furniture Gloss
- Wood Storage Bin
- 3" Wooden Ball
- 1 yard - Coordinating Fabric
- 1" Flat Paint Brush
- Craft Glue
- Craft Knife and Mat
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Wax paper
- Acrylic sealer (optional)

Instructions:

1. You will first want to prepare the fabric before painting. To do this, 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.
2. While the fabric is drying, begin painting. Base-coat the inside of the bin and the lid with Teal. Allow to dry.
3. Base-coat the outside of the bin and the wooden ball with Grass Green. Allow to dry.
4. You are now going to cut the fabric. Lay the bin down on top of the fabric and trace one side four times. Cut these pieces out using the scissors.
5. Measure approximately ½" inside your cut line on all four pieces and trim them down using the craft knife.
6. Adhere these four pieces to the sides using the Mod Podge. Completely smooth out all air bubbles and allow to dry for 15 – 20 minutes.
7. Coat the entire bin with at least two coats of Mod Podge. Coat the lid and the wooden ball as well. Allow to dry.
8. Go back to the handles on the storage bin and trim the fabric out with a craft knife.
9. Glue the wooden ball to the center top of the lid with the craft glue.
10. Allow the storage bin to dry for at least 24 hours before using. I recommend spraying with several coats of acrylic sealer to completely finish your project and add durability.

DEER VALLEY DIY STOOL

Materials:

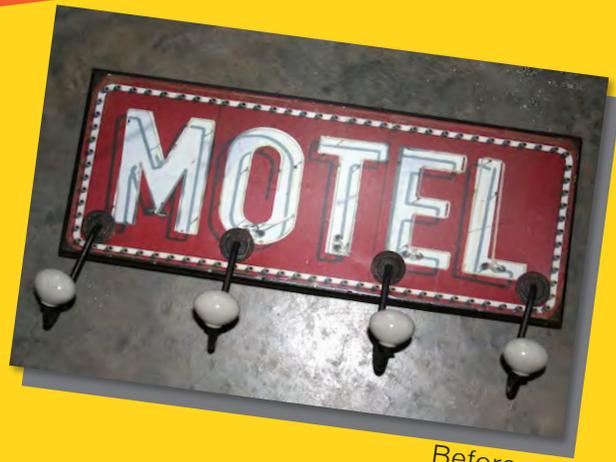
- Folk Art Acrylic Paint – Patina, Parchment (optional)
- Mod Podge Fabric and Mod Podge Furniture Gloss
- Small Wood Stool
- 1/2 yard Coordinating Fabric
- 1” Flat Paint Brush
- Craft Knife
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Wax paper
- Acrylic Sealer (optional)

Instructions:

1. You will first want to prepare the fabric before painting. To do this, 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.
2. Time to cut out your fabric pieces. Lay the stool top down onto the fabric and trace. Cut out using the scissors. Do the same thing with both of the stool sides. Set aside.
3. My stool came unassembled, so I painted it before I put it together. You can paint the whole thing with Patina, but I painted the crossbar (which you can't see in the photo) with Parchment. Depends on how many paint colors you want to buy. Allow these pieces to dry.
4. Assemble the stool following the included instructions. Touch up any paint as needed.
5. Adhere the top and side fabric using the Furniture Gloss Mod Podge. Completely smooth out all air bubbles and allow to dry for 15 – 20 minutes.
6. Coat the entire stool with at least two coats of Furniture Gloss Mod Podge. Allow to dry.
7. Go back to the top and trim any excess fabric around the edge with a craft knife.
8. Allow the stool to dry for at least 24 hours before using. I recommend spraying with several coats of acrylic sealer to completely finish your project and add durability.



FLORAL DIY COAT RACK



Before

Materials:

- Coat rack – wood or metal will do
- Mod Podge Furniture Satin
- Mod Podge Brayer
- Spray paint – in the color of your choice
- Spray or paint-on primer
- Wrapping paper or some other paper to cover the “back of the rack”
- Painter’s tape
- Ruler
- Craft knife
- Spray bottle
- Paintbrush
- Pencil

Instructions:

1. Optional first step: if your paper is thin and the design behind it is dark, you’ll use white primer on the front. Simply use the painter’s tape to tape off the edges and spray. Let dry.
2. Remove the hardware from your rack and use the painter’s tape to tape off the ends of the hooks. Spray paint the entire thing and let dry.
3. Measure the front of your rack and cut the wrapping paper accordingly. Make sure that it fits and trim if necessary.
4. This is where the spray bottle comes in. If your paper is thin, it will wrinkle BADLY if you don’t wet it first. So use the spray bottle to mist the paper until it’s just wet. Don’t soak it or it will tear easily.
5. Add a medium layer of Mod Podge to the front of your rack, and place the paper down carefully.
6. Run the brayer back and forth to smooth out the paper, being really careful. If you are too rough or go over the paper too many times, you can tear it if it’s thin like mine. Leave it to dry for 15 – 20 minutes (or until completely dry since the paper was wet).
7. Now you can give the coat rack a final coat of Mod Podge (or three) and let dry. Re-assemble being careful not to chip the paint on your rack.
8. Hang your new coat rack and put a few lightweight coats on it to make sure that it’s stable.

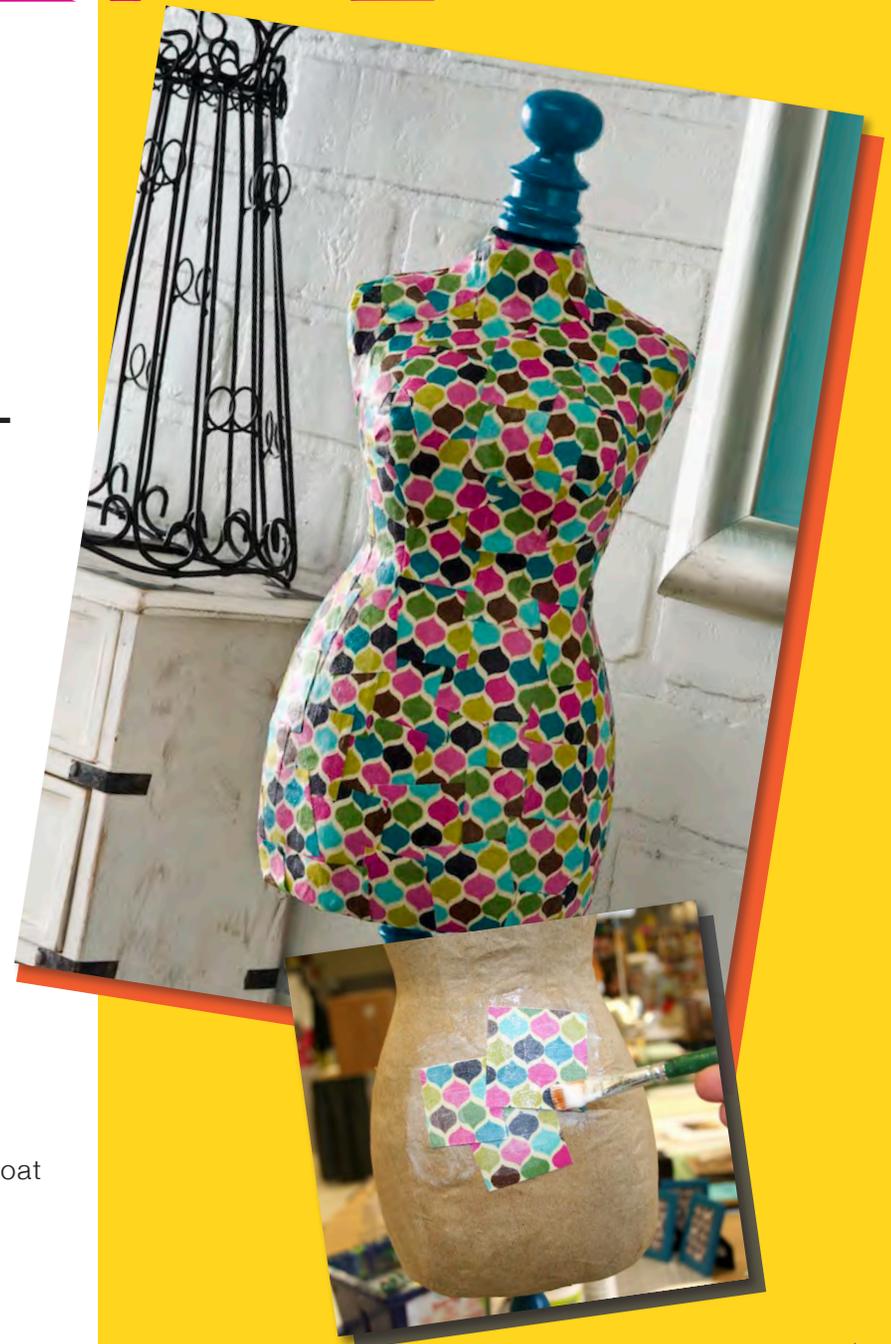
HOW TO DECOUPAGE A DRESS FORM

Materials:

- Dress Form
- Mod Podge Furniture Satin
- Fabric in the pattern of your choice
- Spray paint
- Paint brush
- Craft knife
- Scissors
- Painter's tape and paper/paper towels
- Wax paper

Instructions:

1. The first thing I needed to do was spray paint the base. So I used painter's tape and paper towels to section off the base. I did this at the top as well. Then I spray painted and let dry.
2. Next I prepared my fabric. When I say prepare my fabric, I mean I ironed the fabric, laid it out on wax paper and painted a medium layer of Mod Podge on top. I did this so it wouldn't fray when I cut it. Just let it dry.
3. Then use your scissors to cut the fabric into A LOT of pieces. Yep, I cut a lot of pieces. But it's not that bad once you get started.
4. Once you have your pieces, start in the center and Mod Podge each piece to the dress form. Keep overlapping the pieces and Mod Podging. You may have to get your hands a little "dirty" by smoothing the pieces down as they are wet. But it's kind of fun.
5. I bet you are wondering what you do as you get closer to the top. Well, I cut darts into the pieces! I just clipped into the piece and then overlapped in that area. I used Mod Podge and smoothed with my fingers.
6. Run the pieces directly up the neck and then trim. Let dry. Finish with a top coat or two of Mod Podge.



MOD PODGED BAR STOOL



Materials:

- Barstool
- Mod Podge Furniture Gloss
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scrapbook paper
- Foam paintbrush

Instructions:

1. Trim the paper in a circle shape to fit the top of the bar stool. Trim the papers to fit the sides of the legs and around the rungs.
2. Apply Mod Podge Furniture to the back of the papers, place the papers in their proper position. Using the brayer, smooth the paper to remove any air bubbles. Wait 15 min. and then top-coat with more Mod Podge. Allow to dry.
3. Apply a second coat of Mod Podge to the entire barstool. Allow to dry.

Tip: If your barstool needs a paint job, begin with Folk Art paint that coordinates with your scrapbook paper.

DIY DECOUPAGED FURNITURE

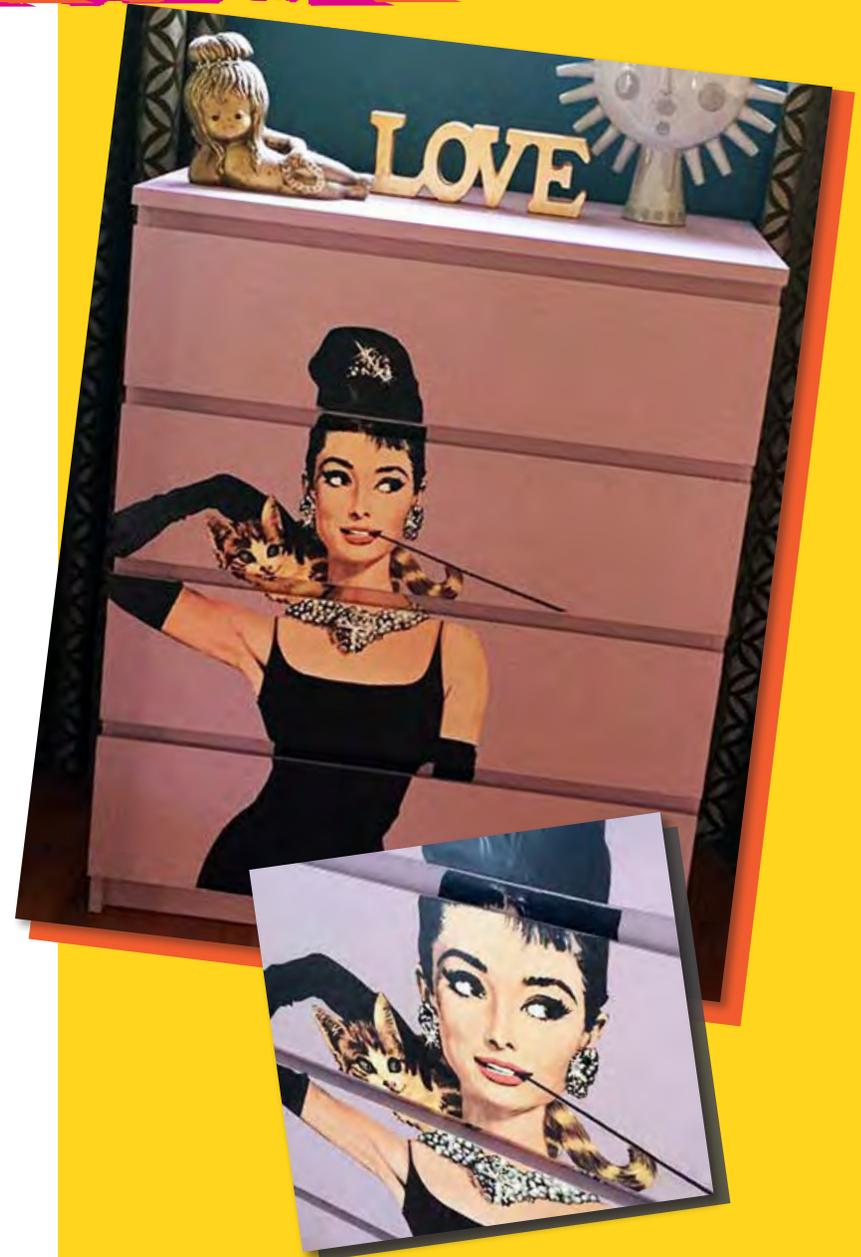
Materials:

- Folk Art® Home Decor™ Chalk - Lilac
- Mod Podge Furniture Gloss
- Dresser
- Drop cloth
- Paintbrushes
- Poster
- Low-tack tape
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Sticky back gems

Instructions:

1. Place the dresser on a drop cloth. Paint the entire dresser with lilac paint. With Folk Art Home Decor Chalk you will not need a primer. Use 2 or 3 coats of paint until the desired color is reached. Make sure to allow for dry time in between coats.
2. Cut out the design from a poster. For this design, we used an Audrey Hepburn poster. Tape the poster onto the front of the dresser for placement. Make sure the eyes or important features are centered on a drawer.
3. Trim the poster into strips to fit the fronts and back edges of the drawers.
4. Working with one poster strip at a time. Coat the back of the poster strip with Furniture Mod Podge. Position onto the dresser. Smooth with your fingers to remove any air bubbles. Wait 15 minutes and then top-coat with more Mod Podge. Continue this process until each strip is in the proper place.
5. Attach sticky back gems to highlight areas of the poster. We added them to the necklace, earrings and tiara area.

PROJECT TIP: Add a stenciled background to create a textured effect.



DIY DORM FURNITURE



Materials:

- Folk Art Multi-Surface Metallic
- Acrylic Paints - 14K Gold
- Folk Art Multi-Surface Metallic
- Acrylic Paints
- Folk Art Home Decor™ Chalk
- Nautical
- Mod Podge Gloss
- Wooden crate
- Scrapbook paper
- ½ Flat brush

Instructions:

1. Base-coat the outside of the wooden crate with Nautical Chalk Paint.
2. Base-coat the inside of the wooden crate with Cascade Chalk Paint.
3. Dry brush with 14K Gold on the edges of the crate for a distressed look.
4. Cut scrapbook paper to fit the width of the middle piece of wood.
5. Cut scrapbook paper in the same width to fit the vertical length of the crate.
6. Mod Podge the back of the paper and place on the crate.
7. After the Mod Podge dries, put another layer of Mod Podge on top to seal the paper.

MOD PODGE REPURPOSED SHELF

Materials:

- Folk Art Acrylic Colors - Pink Melon,
- Mod Podge Furniture Matte
- Paintbrushes
- Repurposed shelf
- Fabric
- 4 candlesticks
- Wood glue
- Scissors
- 3/4" flat brush
- Ruler
- Pencil

Instructions:

1. Base-coat the shelf and the candlesticks with Pink Melon. Allow to dry.
2. Cover the back of the fabric with Mod Podge. Allow to dry. This will keep your fabric from fraying with cutting.
3. Cut the fabric to fit the insides of the shelf and mod podge. Allow to dry.
4. Glue the candlesticks to the bottom of the shelf with the wood glue. Allow glue to dry before using.



CUSTOMIZED PICTURE FRAME



Materials:

- Folk Art Acrylic Colors - Hunter Green
- Folk Art Acrylic Colors - Wicker White
- Mod Podge Furniture Satin
- Large wooden picture frame
- Scrapbook papers: Floral Bouquet; Pink Honeycomb; Pink Ditsy Floral; Aqua Damask
- 3 Wooden butterflies
- Coral 3/8" satin ribbon
- Flat paint brush
- Craft knife
- Hot glue gun
- Copier
- Pencil
- Ruler

Instructions:

1. Mix one part Hunter Green to 2 parts Wicker White (mix enough to paint entire picture frame and insert if making bulletin board).
2. Paint entire picture frame and insert. Let paint dry.
3. Enlarge Aqua Damask paper on a copier to 151% to fit size paper 13" x 18". Make three copies.
4. Cut 3" strips lengthwise. Starting at the center of the picture frame, apply mod podge furniture satin to the wrong side of Aqua Damask paper and smooth in place. Measure 3" from sides of strip and place another Aqua Damask strip. Continue with alternating Aqua Damask strips and painted strips until entire frame is finished.
5. Apply Mod Podge Furniture Satin to picture frame. Follow manufacturer's instructions for applying additional coats of Mod Podge Furniture Satin.
6. Using the butterflies as a template, cut out square from each one of the three remaining papers. Apply Mod Podge Furniture Satin to the wrong side of each paper and smooth in place on the butterflies. Trim around the butterflies with a craft knife. Hot glue butterflies to front of picture frame as desired.
7. Trace a diamond diagonal pattern on the picture insert and lay coral satin ribbon on top of traced lines. Hot glue ribbon in place to back of insert and also at the intersection points of the ribbon to the front of the insert. Hot glue insert to back of frame.



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