

# *Handmade by Mrs. Saint Nick*



## ***DECOUPAGE***

### You'll need

Wooden box, bowl, picture frame, table top, or whatever you want to create for your special someone. Lots of cut-out pictures, postcards, gift cards. In the box pictured, I used pictures from my many-times great niece's favorite book.

Mod Podge Glue

Foam brush—size will depend on how big an object you're working with. Mine was one inch wide.

Lots of old newspaper

### Directions

Spread out newspapers to protect your working area. You don't want glue on your table or counter tops. The fun thing about decoupage is that you don't really have to plan in advance. Just start pasting. The randomness of the outcome is half the joy of creation.

First paste the surface of your object place your picture and paste over it. Press down on your picture to remove any air or wrinkles. Keep on adding pictures. Smaller ones are easier to work with than larger ones. When covered to your satisfaction, let the glue dry and then add a second coat. Let that dry. And add another. I repeat about four times.

And you're done with your one-of-a-kind, never been done before gift. Over the years I've made recipe boxes with food pictures, bowls with Christmas cards, and frames with animal pictures. This glue even works on tile so you could make coasters. The possibilities are as big as your imagination. You can also paint wood first and then you don't have to be so careful about covering every inch with pictures.

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