

HOW TO

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A SIMPLE GUIDE

THIS IS WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- 1** Choose the papier mâché animal or object you wish to decorate.
- 2** Choose your paper(s). One paper is simplest, especially for young children, however two contrasting yet complimenting designs & colours can be good to bring out features such as unicorn's horn, horses mane, feet etc... Try to choose two papers that have a common colour in each design. So if choosing a pink theme, choose the main pink colour paper first, then the accompanying paper could be blue in its base or main colour, with the same pink detailing.
- 3** Décopatch hog bristle brush - This brush has special bristles that have a soft tip yet are fairly firm. This enables you to work and push the paper into a mâché surface feature, yet the bristles won't tear or mark the paper.
- 4** Décopatch glue/varnish - This is specially formulated to give the perfect adhesion of Décopatch paper to any surface, including papier mâché, wood, metal, plastics and glass. It also creates a tough varnished surface that keeps your decorated item looking great for years to come. It also dries clear and not at all tacky.
- 5** A plastic cup with some water in it for rinsing the brush.





Tear the paper into small squares about 15mm x 15mm, but don't worry if they are bigger/smaller, squares, rectangles, or any odd shape!
Make a little pile, or spread out the paper squares on the table, with the pattern facing up.

TOP TIP

Rip several strips of paper approx. 15mm wide, then put them all together and tear several squares at one time.

Taking the papier mâché animal in one hand and the brush in the other, apply a thin coating of the glue/varnish to a small area of the surface, a little bigger than the size of your pieces of paper.

TOP TIP

If you wish to have a defined line between two paper designs, start by making a light pencil mark on the mâché surface to give a rough guide to work to.



As the brush will be a little tacky from the glue, use the brush to pick up a piece of paper and smooth the paper out over the surface of the mâché, and then apply another light coating of glue/varnish to the outer patterned surface. Be careful not to use too much adhesive.

TOP TIP

For best results, start at the centre of the paper and using the brush smooth to the edges.

Repeat the above steps until the item is completely covered and you are happy with your unique creation.

TOP TIP

When finished clean the brush in warm soapy water.





Your decorated item will now need around 15 minutes to be dry enough to take home, so why not take the chance to go and see what other Décopatch items are available in store today !

Other tips....

The use of other general purpose craft glues may only stick the paper to the mâché item and can leave the paper unvarnished, so will not be as tough and can leave the outer surface feeling tacky. Décopatch glue is specially formulated to give a smooth shiny finish when dried.

The use of a general purpose brush can result in the paper being marked or feathered if the bristle tip is too course. Soft flexible bristles also make it more difficult to persuade the paper into or around a feature in the mache shape.

The use of other general purpose papers can result in a less than perfect finish to your decorated object. Our paper has been specially developed with elasticity to enable it to be pushed into the surface features without tearing for greater definition. In addition it is colourfast so the colours won't run even when it is wet.