

Decoupage Plates

Materials Needed:

Glass Plate	Piece of Fabric large enough to cover plate back + 1" overhang
Mod Podge – gloss	Freezer Paper
Jewel-it glue (optional)	7 – (1 ½" - 2") Sponge brushes
Water-based polyurethane*	Sandpaper (#100 & #400)
Scissors	Toilet paper roll or other small box, etc. to set plate on

Directions:

1. Place fabric between two plates and cut fabric 1" large than plate
2. Wash glass plate and dry well. – NO FINGER PRINTS OR HAND OILS (I use rubber gloves)
3. Place plate upside down on toilet paper roll.
4. Tape freezer paper (shiny side up) to working area.
5. Place fabric on freezer paper RIGHT side up. Dip sponge brush in Mod Podge and apply to fabric evenly. Flip fabric over and apply to back of fabric. Flip back over to the right side and apply another coat to the right side.
6. Place fabric RIGHT side DOWN on the back of the plate. Smooth with your hands to remove any air bubbles that may remain between plate and fabric.
7. Press fabric to rim of plate.
8. Allow at least 30 minutes until edges of fabric have hardened. Trim with scissors and then repress the edges if they have lifted away from plate edge.
9. If there are any loose edges after the plate is completely dry, use Jewel-It with a toothpick and smooth it down.
10. When plate is completely dry, sand it gently with #100 sand paper and then brush the residue off.
11. Apply one coat of polyurethane and let dry at least 2 hours.
12. Continue to sand and poly the plate until you are pleased with the results. This is usually at least 6 coats of poly. Use #100 sandpaper for the first three coats and then use #400 sandpaper for the remaining coats.
13. Clean up edges with a razor if needed.
14. Let dry at least 1-2 weeks before using.
15. Damp wipe and dry immediately for best results. Do not immerse in water or put it in a dishwasher.

* I used the Minwax Water Based Polycrylic. I found it at Home Depot with the Minwax Stains.