

## Decoupage a Papier-Mâché Box

- 1 Start with a paper or two from our dazzling selection and the papier-mâché box of your choice. We used Shizen Screen-Printed Black and Olive Bold Floral trimmed with Lokta Metallic Gold and lined the top and bottom with some Canson Black we had in the studio.
- 2 Cut the paper to fit the top and side dimensions, leaving an 1/8" fold over. Using Mod Podge Gloss as an adhesive, begin applying to the paper cutouts with a foam brush. You'll find the Mod Podge makes the paper behave like wallpaper; it folds to shape and molds easily into corners.
- 3 After the box is completely covered and dry, brush it inside and out with another coat of Mod Podge Gloss for a shiny, water-resistant finish.

We also used the Mod Podge to decorate the ball ornaments with strips of lightweight paper.



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### here's what you'll need

Papier-Mâché Box	three styles to choose from	
Mod Podge Gloss		
768 020 014 (8 oz. jar)		\$5.29
X-ACTO Precision #1 Knife		
119 110 032		\$2.85
Stainless Steel Ruler 24"		
136 100 014		\$7.50

1" Foam Brush (pack of 10)		
479 130 001		\$5.29

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### 1 Instructions for a 7" Round Box shown here:

First, cut all the paper covering pieces:

- Cut two outside (top & bottom) circles. Trace around the lid and the box bottom and increase by 1/4".
- Cut two inside (top & bottom) circles. Trace around the lid and the box bottom and decrease by 1/8".
- Cut one strip for the inside of the box—23" x 3".
- Cut one strip for the outside of the box—24" x 2-7/8".
- Cut one strip for the lid trim (this will wrap over the edge and into the inside)—24" x 1-3/8".

(Please note the box is a handmade product that may have some slight variations.)



Fig. 1

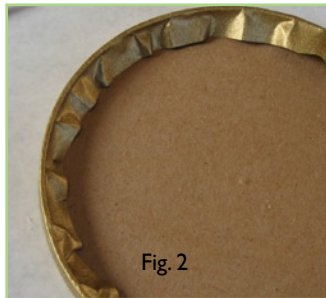


Fig. 2

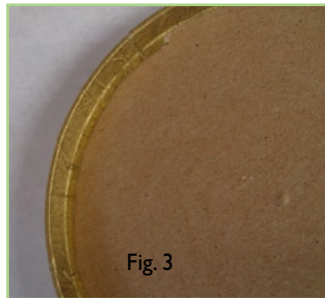


Fig. 3



### 2

Glue the outside top and bottom circles to your box using Mod Podge Gloss and a foam brush. Fold over the excess edges and glue them to the sides of the lid and box. (Fig. 1)

For the bottom portion of the box:

Apply Mod Podge to the inside strip of paper and glue it to the inside wall of the box. Align it flush to the bottom edge, then roll-over and glue the excess on the top edge.

On the outside of the bottom portion, glue the outside strip. This will cover the fold-overs of the bottom circle and the edge roll-over of the inside strip. Carefully trim off any excess paper. For the inside bottom piece, we chose a piece of black paper. Before gluing it in, you might need to trim it for a good, clean fit. The bottom is complete.

### 3

For the lid of the box:

The top circle has already been applied; now glue the outside lid trim. Coat the strip of paper with Mod Podge and start gluing to the outside of the lid, aligning the trim to the top edge, covering the roll-over circle portion. Carefully ease the paper over the edge and towards the inside. (Fig. 2)

Using your foam brush, begin pushing down the paper and secure it to the inside edge. (Fig. 3)

For the inside top circle, we chose a piece of black paper. Before gluing it in, you might need to trim it for a good, clean fit. The lid is complete.

Finally, give the entire box a coat of Mod Podge and let it dry.

### 4

For the ornaments:

We chose Lama Li Bright Paper for its lightweight flexibility. Begin with long strips torn about 1" wide. With the Mod Podge glue and a foam brush, begin applying the strips in a collage pattern.

These are fun, and easy enough for the whole family.  
Happy Holidays!