



Handicraft

Times were hard during the Great Depression, but that made it all the more important to bring beauty and joy into the home. Many families had very little money, so only the basic necessities could be purchased. That didn't stop them from using their ingenuity to decorate their homes, though. They simply used what they had on hand and made their own decor.

Decoupage was a simple and inexpensive way for people to do just that. They would take used glass bottles or jars, paper, and glue to create elegant and useful items for the home.

Gather some paper in your favorite colors and/or designs, and create something cool for your room!

"I've filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him skill and know-how and expertise in every kind of craft to create designs ... he's an all-around craftsman."

~ Exodus 31:3-5

Handicraft Lesson

Decoupage Glass



Supplies

- Old magazines, wrapping paper, old maps, colored tissue paper, etc.
- Scissors
- Glue or ModPodge
- Sponge brush
- Small dish to hold the glue
- Clear glass — jars, bottles, vases, or bowls
- Something to cover your work surface

Directions

1. Gather various papers in your favorite colors, patterns, and designs.
2. Cut out images or shapes that you like. (Tip: Smaller cutouts will be easier to glue on and will wrinkle less than longer ones.)
3. Decide on how you would like to arrange the cutouts and organize them so you can glue them on quickly.
4. Dip sponge brush in the glue and spread on your glass, working in small sections at a time.
5. Begin laying your paper cutouts on top of the glue, overlapping slightly to cover the whole area.
6. After you've completely covered the glass, add a second layer of glue over the entire surface. Set aside to dry.

