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WEDDING PHOTO BOX

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Papier mache boxes come in lots of shapes and sizes. This six-sided box was the perfect fit for the photo I chose. Substitute round, oval, or another shape if you prefer.

Though the obvious choice for a box that celebrates a wedding might have been white, the soft pale green tones of the mulberry paper felt like a better choice, especially since the wedding took place out of doors in the summertime when everything was lush and green.

Customize your box so that the photo and the box coordinate in a way that pleases your eye and your décor.

Materials:

- 085-0075 Cre8 Cotton Poplin Fabric Sheets
- Computer, ink jet printer, Scanner (optional), digital camera media
- Papier mache box with lid, plus an extra lid from a smaller size box to use for the base
- Sanook Paper Company handmade paper in color to coordinate with photo (enough to cover box, lid, and base, inside and outside)
- Sanook Paper Company mulberry paper rosebuds (3 for each corner of photo on lid, 2 for each corner of base)
- Walnut ink spray (Tsukineko, www.tsukineko.com)
- Foam core board
- Quilt batting
- Double stick adhesive sheet
- Glue stick
- Beacon Kids Choice glue (fast grab glue in a tube)
- Wire cutter

Instructions:

1. Cover box, lid, and smaller size lid for base with mulberry paper, using the glue stick to adhere the mulberry paper.
2. Use double stick adhesive sheet to attach the smaller lid to the bottom of the box as a base.
3. Protect work surface with lots of newspapers. Lightly spray the box and lid (exterior only) with Walnut ink to distress and antique it. Repeat with rosebuds. Dry thoroughly.
4. Cut a piece of foam core board the same size as the base of the box (at least .5" to 1" smaller than the larger lid. Using double stick adhesive sheet to hold batting in place, pad the foam core with two layers of quilt batting. Trim away some of the batting at the corners to avoid lumpy spots.
5. Print photo large enough to wrap around padded foam core. Wrap tightly, easing the corners while pulling the photo to the back so the photo stays smooth. Secure with double stick adhesive sheet.
6. With more double stick adhesive sheet, attach the padded photo to the top of the lid.
7. Use wire cutter to remove stems and leaves from rosebuds. Glue three leaves and rosebuds to each corner of the padded photo on lid. Glue two rosebuds to each corner of the base.
8. Twist the stems of additional rosebuds and glue them inside the box at the corners.
9. Options: Make a label out of heavy card stock on which to sign and date the box. Attach to the bottom of the base or the inside of the lid. Glue a wedding or party invitation inside the lid.



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