Birth keepsake box

Instructions No. 3456

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 2 Hours

Looking for a special birth gift that is both practical and stylish? These instructions will show you how to transform a simple napkin box into an individual work of art. With the help of modelling clay, napkin technique and loving details, you can create a unique accessory that captures precious memories and brightens up any room. This self-designed box makes a thoughtful and personalized birth gift that will always be a reminder of this special occasion.



modelling clay for creative details

Step 1: modelling clay Fimo Air

Take a sufficient amount of modelling clay "Fimo Air" to hand. Knead the mixture until it is soft and smooth. Kneading makes the mass malleable and easy to shape into the desired form. Carefully press the soft modelling clay into the silicone mould "feet" so that all the details are well defined. Allow the modelling clay to dry completely before you continue working with it.

Preparing the napkin box

Step 2: Masking the hinge

Before you start painting the napkin box, you should carefully mask the hinge with crepe-adhesive tape . This protects the metal parts from unwanted paint and ensures a clean end result.

Step 3: Priming the lid

Apply a coat of white handicraft paint primer evenly to the lid of the napkin box. This primer enhances the colors of the napkins and provides a more intense color effect. Wait until the paint is completely dry before continuing.

napkin technique for embellishment

Step 4: Preparing the napkin motif

Tear out your desired motif from a napkin . Tearing out the edges will give you a smooth transition. Separate the printed layer of the napkin from the unprinted layers by sticking a strip of adhesive tape to the back and carefully peeling it off.

Step 5: Applying the napkin motif

Coat the lid of the box with a thin layer of napkin varnish. Place the prepared napkin motif on top and coat it from the center outwards with napkin varnish. Be careful and do not apply strong pressure to avoid tearing the napkin . Leave everything to dry thoroughly.

Adding decorations and accents

Step 6: Labeling the napkin box

Decorate the napkin box with a Posca marker. If you want to make sure that your lettering is perfect, first draw it in with a sublimation pen - the purple dye is self-extinguishing. Alternatively, you can print out a font of your choice and transfer it to the box using graphite paper.

Step 7: Decorative crochet border

Apply a thin strip of handicraft glue along the edge of the lid. Carefully attach a crochet border and press it on to fix it securely.

Final assembly

Step 8: Attaching the decoration

Carefully detach the modelling clay "feet" from the silicone mould and attach them to the napkin box using handicraft glue . Position them so that they look aesthetically pleasing.

Now you have a beautiful, personalized napkin box that will brighten up your home or make an exquisite homemade gift! Visit our online store to purchase all the materials you need.





Must Have



VBS Napkin box, pine wood

Length: 18.5 cm
Width: 18.5 cm
Height: 5.5 cm
Material: Pine wood

7,75 CHF

Item details

Quantity: − 1 + Add to cart

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
23924	VBS Napkin box, pine wood	1
25957	Napkin "Baby Teddy"Blue	1
25958	Napkin "Baby Teddy"Pink	1
20675	Modeling clay "FIMOair light"	1
14689	Silicone mould "Foot"	1
27545	VBS Napkin varnish "Matt"100 ml	1
120340	VBS Napkin brush/Decoupage brush	1
560566	Graphite paper	1
347556	KREUL Disappearing ink pen	1
567725-07	POSCA Marker PC-1MCBlack	1
11473	Crochet borders set "Pastel"	1
27568	VBS Handicraft glue20 ml	1
70522	Crepe-Adhesive tape, 50 m	1