

farmhouse flower market box

Extra Supplies needed:

- 120 grit sandpaper
- Scissors
- Wax
- Drill or Phillips Head Screw Driver
- Old Store Card or Scraper
- Pencil

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1. Remove the packaging from your box including the stickers. Be sure to remove any sticky residue from the stickers.
2. If the stickers do not come off nicely spray with water and rub firmly with your finger. Remove any residue with sanding or rubbing alcohol.
3. Using your 120 grit sandpaper give the entire box sides a really good sand.
4. Pop out some Chocolate onto the plastic plate provided in your box and mix with water until you get a watery wash consistency.
5. Apply the chocolate wash to all the parts of the box. Let dry and apply another coat if you would like your stain darker.
6. Cut the napkin into sections of how you would like to decorate the box. {Please see blog tutorial to see what parts of the napkin I used for each section}
7. Using your drill or screw driver put your box together following the instructions that were with the box.
8. Lay out your napkin where you would like it, working one side at a time.
9. Either fussy cut around each of the flowers and leaves or you can gently tear around each part to give a more farmhouse vintage look like I did.
10. You can either mark gently with a pencil roughly the outline of where you would like the napkin or eyeball it and apply a good layer of top coat.
11. Then starting at the top of the napkin, place gently onto your box GENTLY press on the napkin to make it adhere nicely to the slats of the box. Don't worry about the napkin covering the gaps in the slats. We will fix that when the napkin is dry.
12. Work one slat at a time and repeat the process until all of the napkin is adhered to your box. Go back and gently apply more top coat on any of the napkin that you may have missed.
13. Let completely dry. Using a craft knife gently cut away any of the napkin in the gaps. Then taking a small piece of 120 grit sandpaper sand away any excess.
14. Apply another coat of top coat over the top of the napkin and seal. Let completely dry.

15. Repeat the process for the other 3 sides. Once everything is dry sand over the napkin areas to get a nice smooth finish.
16. Wipe down to remove any sanding dust. Burnish your "Flower Market" Stencils with your store card or scraper. Remove the backing paper, line them up and place firmly on the top 2 rungs of the box. Burnish with your store card or scraper and remove the transfer paper. Repeat for the other side.
17. Distress the entire box to your liking.
18. Apply wax to seal in all of your hard work including over the napkin.

Now you're ready to decorate.

Don't forget there is a tutorial on the blog with photos for you to take a peek at. The link will be in an email and also in our DIY Surprise Box Creatives Facebook Group.

Contact sam@raggedy-bits.com if you haven't received the link.