



Genuine Heritage modge podge

Genuine Heritage Modge Podge is an adhesive & build up sealer that is used for *decoupage* or *découpage*, the art of decorating an object by gluing coloured paper cut outs onto any object.

Commonly, an object like a small box or even an item of furniture is covered by cut outs from magazines or from purpose-manufactured papers. Each layer is sealed with multiple coats of **Modge Podge** resulting in the finish looking like a painting or inlay work on the object opposed to a "stuck on" appearance.

Our **Modge Podge** is available three finishes; Matt, Gloss & Stain. The Matt finish is not suitable to use on dark surfaces, instead use the Gloss finish. **Modge Podge** is water resistant when dry, wash up brushes or applicators with warm soapy water and is non-toxic & safe for children to use under adult supervision.

Instructions

- Always apply **Modge Podge** to a clean and dry surface.
- Apply a generous amount of **Modge Podge**, using a sponge applicator or a brush, to the back of the cut out (make sure that the entire surface is covered). Alternatively, apply the **Modge Podge** directly onto the painted surface in the approximate position where you wish to glue the print.
- Position the print carefully onto the surface, do not press down, lift part of it and very gently start smoothing out the print from the centre towards the edges (use your fingers or a rubber roller) continue doing so, gently, until you are satisfied that all the bubbles have been removed and the print is flat on the surface. Remove any excess **Modge Podge** by using a damp cloth or a sponge. Follow the same process for each print and allow to dry.
- Embed the print by applying several coats of **Modge Podge** to the top of the print, you can apply up to ten or more coats. Apply a coat and use a rubber roller to press over the print, allow each coat to dry thoroughly before applying the next coat. Apply each coat in the opposite direction i.e. one coat vertically, once dried, apply the next horizontally. Follow the same process for all your prints.
- Once thoroughly dried, to create an extra smooth finish use water paper to gently sand the entire surface (dip the sandpaper into water before sanding). Clean with a damp cloth and allow to dry.
- Seal with **Genuine Heritage Seal Skin** or one of Genuine **Heritage Varnishes** & allow to dry thoroughly.

Tips

- Any inconsistencies in the base coat of the object you are decoupageing will be highlighted when **Modge Podge** is applied.
- Never dip a wet or dirty brush or sponge applicator into your **Modge Podge** this may contaminate the fluid, pour the **Modge Podge** into a saucer and work from the saucer and do not pour any left-over fluid back into the bottle.
- **Modge Podge** takes about 30 minutes to dry between applications (time will vary based on ambient temp), use a hair dryer to speed up drying time.