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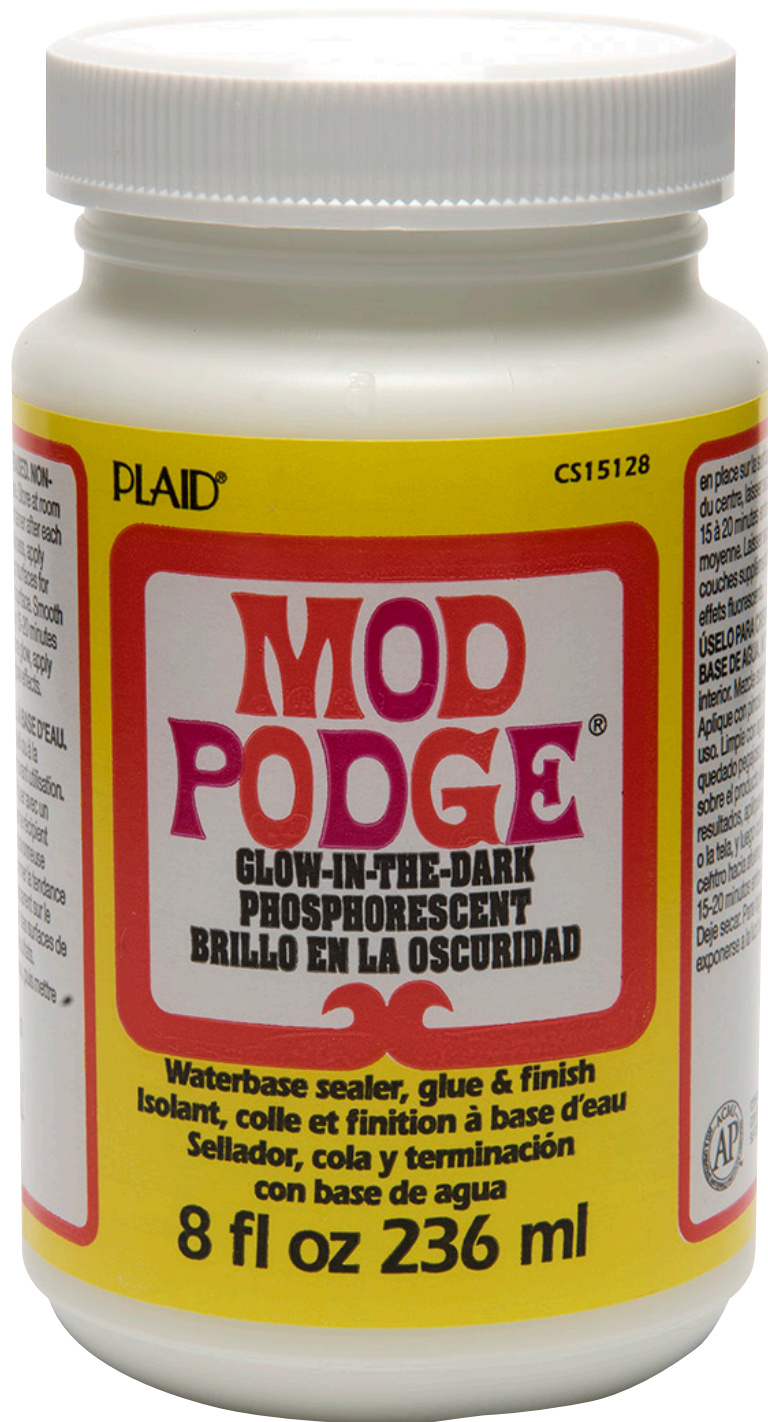
Whether you are a beginning decoupageur or have used Mod Podge for years, it's always great to have some new ideas and inspiration. One of the best things about Mod Podge is that it can be used on a wide variety of surfaces, from wood to tin to paper to glass. Decoupage is such an inexpensive way to "get your craft on," and you are almost guaranteed great results because the process is so simple!

I'm thrilled to be working with Plaid to bring you a monthly e-book featuring a different decoupage topic each time. We hope each one will get your crafting juices flowing! We'd love to hear which ideas you try and see the finished projects online – visit either [www.plaidonline.com](http://www.plaidonline.com) or my blog, [modpodgerocksblog.com](http://modpodgerocksblog.com), to learn where to find us on social media or to get even more inspiration.

Thank you and Happy Decoupageing!

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Mod Podge Rocks





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# The Basics

Get a Perfect Decoupage Project Every time!

Wrinkles are a common problem for many Mod Podge beginners. Please read these instructions thoroughly for hassle-free Mod Podging. We promise that if you follow these instructions, you will have success and be a very happy Mod Podger!

You will ALWAYS need the items listed below on hand for any project. It is assumed with all of the instructions in this book that you have the following items at your disposal:

### Supplies Needed:

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Mod Podge              | Craft Glue    |
| Foam Plates or Palette | Ruler         |
| Scissors               | Tape Measure  |
| Craft Knife            | Pencil or Pen |
| Mat                    | Sandpaper     |
| Water Basin            |               |

### 1. Prepare Surface

Almost any surface can be used to create a decoupage project. Appropriate surfaces include wood, papier-mâché, terra cotta, tin, cardboard, glass, and craft foam. Only SOME plastics are suitable for decoupage. We recommend testing a small area before completing your entire project to make sure that the Mod Podge will adhere.



Here are some surfaces that may need some extra attention in their preparation. All other surfaces can be decoupage without any preparation, although you should always make sure that the surface you are working with is clean and dirt free.

- **Glass** – Wash and dry with a lint free cloth to remove surface oils.
- **Tin** – If it is an older tin surface, clean with a 50/50 vinegar and water solution. A wire brush can be used on stubborn rust spots.
- **Wood** – Sand unfinished wood surfaces with fine grit sandpaper until smooth. Fill any holes with wood putty and sand again. Wipe clean with a damp paper towel.



You don't have to, but you will want to paint many items before decoupage if your surface is unfinished. We recommend Folk Art® or Apple Barrel® Acrylic Paints for base-coating.

### 2. Prepare Items to be Mod Podged

Most items, especially thicker papers, are ready to be Mod Podged as is. Here are a few tips you should know before beginning.

- **Fabric** – Wash and dry the fabric (do not use fabric softener). Iron and then lay out on a covered work surface. Wax paper is preferable for covering your table. Using a brush, paint a light coat of Fabric Mod Podge onto your fabric.



Allow to dry. This will allow you to cut the fabric like paper without frayed edges.



### 3. Plan Your Design

Cut out your paper or whatever it is that you are planning to decoupage. Experiment with design elements to determine the layout of your piece. Add interest to your design by using large and small pieces, layering and overlapping elements and coordinating colors.

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#### 4. Adhere Your Design

Adhere each element with the Mod Podge finish of your choice. Always start with the underlying design elements and work your way upward. Apply a medium coat of Mod Podge to the surface. Too little Mod Podge and you will get wrinkles – you can always wipe away excess Mod Podge. Place your item(s) to be decouped on top of the Mod Podge and smooth thoroughly.



Use the brayer for larger items such as furniture.

Wipe away excess Mod Podge with your brush. For very small elements, brush adhesive onto the project surface and apply each element with tweezers.

Note: Once you have adhered all your elements to your surface, allow the design to dry for NO LESS than 15 minutes before moving to step 4.



For a very smooth finish, wet a piece of #400 grit sandpaper with water and sand lightly between coats. Wipe dry and polish with #0000 steel wool on the final coat. To avoid tackiness, use a clear acrylic spray.



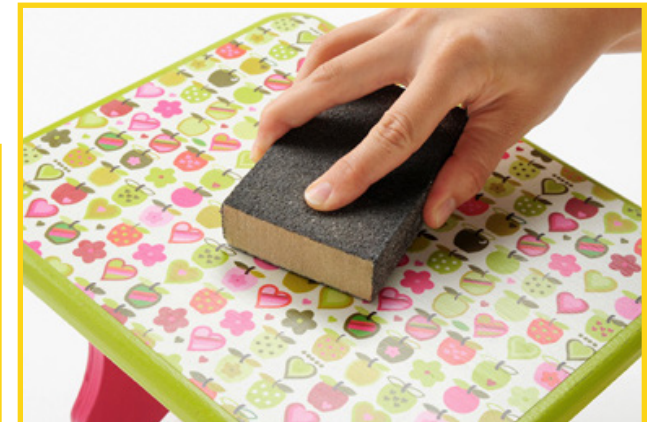
Keep smoothing until all of the bubbles are removed.

When working with large pieces, smooth from the center outward. Air bubbles can be removed with the Mod Podge Tool Set. Use the squeegee with smaller items such as trays – it was developed specifically for getting into corners.



#### 5. Seal your Project

Add a protective coat of Mod Podge to your project using a sponge or flat brush. Allow to dry and then repeat. The number of coats you finish with is up to you, but we recommend at least two.



#### 6. Add embellishments

Once your project is dry, add embellishments as desired. Adhere them with a suitable adhesive such as hot glue, craft glue, or epoxy.

Mod Podge Dimensional Magic can also be used as an embellishment. Dimensional Magic creates a raised surface similar to an epoxy sticker. It can be used on top of a Mod Podged surface, on top of a painted surface, and works especially well with jewelry.

Your project is now complete! Allow it to dry for 24 – 48 hours before using.

# SKELETON PUMPKIN

## Materials:

- Black Craft pumpkin
- Skeleton clip art printed out to fit the pumpkin – I got mine from an online search
- FolkArt Paint – Licorice, Dove Gray, Metallic Silver Sterling
- Sparkle Mod Podge
- Purple Craft Leaves
- Paintbrushes in two sizes – Small and Large
- Hot Glue Gun
- Pipe Cleaners, black
- White Transfer Paper and Stylus
- Stencil Tape

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## Instructions:

1. Sand wood blocks, basecoat with a white primer.
2. Basecoat with Vintage White. Using a white candle, rub the wax on the edges of the block. Basecoat with Autumn Leaves. When the blocks are completely dry, sand the edges where the candle wax was applied.
3. Mix 1 part water with 1 part Coffee Bean. Using either a soft clean rag or paper towel rub the mixture on the blocks to give an aged look.
4. Lay the front of the blocks on the back of the paper and trace. Cut out the papers and apply to the front of the blocks with Matte Mod Podge.
5. Apply another coat of Mod Podge to the entire block.
6. Stencil the letters to the front of the block with Pure Black. Apply another coat of Mod Podge to the blocks.
7. Thread a few buttons with twine and tie in a knot. Hot glue the buttons to the block as shown.



# HALLOWEEN PLATE AND CHARGER

## Materials:

- FolkArt Metallics – Silver Anniversary
- Mod Podge Gloss
- Black Plate Charger
- Paper Towel
- Torn Book Pages
- Foam Paintbrush
- Glass Plate
- Halloween Themed Scrapbook Paper
- Scissors



## Instructions:

1. Dampen and scrunch the paper towel into a ball. Dip the ball into the silver paint and tap off the excess paint. Tap the paper towel around the edge of the charger.
2. Tear the book pages into squares. Size them to fit around the inside base of the charger. Coat the back of each one with Mod Podge, position onto the charger, smooth any air bubbles with your finger and top coat with a layer of Mod Podge. Continue adding more pieces until the entire center is filled. Allow to dry.
3. Using the plate as a guide, cut a circle from Halloween scrapbook paper to fit the base of the glass plate. Coat the printed side of the circle with Mod Podge, position onto the center back of the plate, add a layer of Mod Podge to the back side of the paper, smooth any air bubbles with your finger and top coat with a layer of Mod Podge.
4. Wipe around the edge of the paper with a damp paper towel to clean the edges. Allow to dry before using.



# HALLOWEEN TREAT BOXES

## Materials:

- FolkArt Acrylic Paint – Apple Orchard, Perfect Purple, Licorice
- Pop Dots
- Mod Podge Sparkle
- Mod Podge Hard Coat
- 1-1/4” Wood Letters
- Small Wood Boxes with Lids
- Halloween Scrapbook Sheets
- Wiggly Eyes
- Glue
- Pencil
- Scissors

## Instructions:

1. Paint each box inside and out with various paint colors: Apple Orchard, Licorice and Perfect Purple, let dry.
2. Use pencil to trace the shape of the lid onto scrapbook paper. Cut out the shapes.
3. Cut a strip of paper to fit around the base of each box.
4. Using Gloss Mod Podge, adhere the papers to the lids and boxes, then let dry. Apply a second coat, let dry.
5. Paint the wood letters with your various paint colors and let dry.
6. Attach letters to top of boxes with Pop Dots.
7. Apply 1 to 2 coats of Sparkle Mod Podge to the lid and box, let dry.
8. Glue the wiggly eyes to boxes and let dry before using.



# DIY LACE VOTIVE CANDLE HOLDERS

## Materials:

- Mod Podge Stiffy
- FolkArt Brush Sets - Artist Variety Set
- Large and Small Lace Trims
- Large and Small Glass Votives
- Wax Paper
- Wax Paper

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## Instructions:

1. Wrap lace around votives to measure the amount of trim you'll need and cut to fit.
2. Place the lace pieces on wax paper and apply Stiffy medium to the lace.
3. Wrap the lace around votives and let dry before using.
4. Insert an LED tealight and display.



# DIY HALLOWEEN VINTAGE SKELETON WREATH

## Materials:

- Floral Craft Ring, 12"
- Mod Podge Matte
- FolkArt Acrylic Paint – Pure Black
- FolkArt Extreme Glitter – Black
- Large Wood Circles, 8
- Scrapbook Paper – Halloween patterns of your choice
- Small Decorative Black Frame
- Plastic Skull to Fit Inside the Frame (dollar store)
- Large Spiders, 3 (pre-glittered)
- Black Glitter
- Ribbon – Coordinating, About 8"
- Craft Glue
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Craft Knife

## Instructions:

1. Paint your floral craft ring with Pure Black front and back and let it dry.
2. Repeat with the Extreme Glitter Black, letting dry between coats. Let it dry.
3. Trace your wood circles on the back of your scrapbook paper. Cut out and set aside. After you trace the circles on the scrapbook paper, paint them with Pure Black and let them dry.
4. Decoupage the paper to the front of the circles and smooth out. Let dry for 15 – 20 minutes. Give the circles a few coats of Mod Podge on both sides. Let dry and set the Mod Podged circles aside.
5. Remove the back from the decorative frame. Cut a piece of scrapbook paper to fit in the frame. Replace the back and set aside.
6. The skull was made by cutting the head off the back of a plastic skull using scissors, and painted using Pure Black. Add Mod Podge to the skull and glitter. Glue skull into the center of the frame and let dry.
7. Space the circles and the decorative frame around the floral ring. Tie a ribbon to the back at the top through one of the holes, then glue the circles and frame down. Let dry.
8. Glue your spiders down randomly with craft glue. Let dry and hang.



# WITCHES HAT CENTERPIECE



## Materials:

- FolkArt Metallics – Sequin Black
- Mod Podge Gloss
- Paper Mache Witch Hat
- Foam Paintbrush
- Torn Book Pages
- Hot Glue Gun
- Tulle
- Feather Trim
- Paper Flowers
- Halloween Embellishments

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## Instructions:

1. Paint the hat with Metallic Sequin Black paint. Use two coats if needed. Allow to dry.
2. Tear the book pages into strips. Size them to fit around the pointed end of the hat. Coat the back of each one with Mod Podge, position onto the hat, smooth any air bubbles with your finger and top coat with a layer of Mod Podge. Allow to dry.
3. Using hot glue, attach the tulle and feather trim around the brim of the hat. Attach Halloween embellishments to the front and brim of the hat.
4. Finish off the design by gluing paper flowers around the embellishments. Let dry before displaying.

# HALLOWEEN SPELL BOOK

## Materials:

- Mod Podge Matte
- Mod Podge Antique Matte
- Thrift Shop Book
- Squirt Bottle with Water
- Halloween Papers
- Neon Paper
- Foam Paintbrushes
- Hot Glue
- Gem Trim
- Halloween Embellishments

## Instructions:

1. Cut a strip of scrapbook paper to fit around the candleholder. Tear the top edge for a distressed look.
2. Apply Mod Podge Gloss to the back, position onto the candleholder, smooth with your fingers, Allow to dry. Top coat with more Mod Podge if desired.
3. Cut a motif from a Halloween napkin. Mod Podge over the first paper in the same fashion as step 1. Allow to dry.
4. Hot glue a scrap of burlap around the base. Let dry completely before using.

Project Tip: Napkins become transparent when Mod Podged so choose your background papers wisely.



# MINI HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS



## Materials:

- FolkArt Acrylic Paint – Pure Black, Wicker White, Vivid Orange
- FolkArt Extreme Glitter - Black
- Mod Podge Gloss
- Wood Cat Piece
- Wood Plaque
- Wood Birdhouse
- Halloween Themed Scrapbook Paper
- Halloween Themed Stickers
- Embellishments Including Buttons, Ribbon, Rhinestones
- Scissors
- Paintbrush
- Craft Glue

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## Instructions:

### Small Birdhouse

1. Paint the birdhouse Pure Black – paint the roof, perch, and base with Wicker White.
2. Use the end of a paintbrush to add Vivid Orange dots to the black areas and let dry.
3. Cut paper to fit the roof and Mod Podge down. Seal the entire birdhouse with two coats of Mod Podge.
4. Add ribbon and embellishments (buttons and stickers) with craft glue.

### Cat Plaque

1. Paint the plaque and wood cat piece black
2. Cut papers to fit the front of plaque and then the cat piece. Mod Podge the paper to the cat piece, coat it again and set aside
3. Coat the outside edge of the plaque with FolkArt Extreme Glitter in black. Let dry and then Mod Podge the paper down to the top of the plaque.
4. Mod Podge on top and allow to dry.
5. Then glue down the cat piece, a ribbon on the top and some eyes (used orange rhinestones) with craft glue. Add black rhinestones around the edges on the points.

# HALLOWEEN CANDLE

## Materials:

- Mod Podge Gloss
- Glass Candle
- Scrapbook Paper
- Foam Paintbrush
- Halloween Paper Napkins
- Hot Glue
- Burlap Scrap
- Scissors

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## Instructions:

1. Cut a strip of scrapbook paper to fit around the candleholder. Tear the top edge for a distressed look.
2. Apply Mod Podge Gloss to the back, position onto the candleholder, smooth with your fingers, Allow to dry. Top coat with more Mod Podge if desired.
3. Cut a motif from a Halloween napkin. Mod Podge over the first paper in the same fashion as step 1. Allow to dry.
4. Hot glue a scrap of burlap around the base. Let dry completely before using.

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# CREEPY POTION JARS



## Materials:

- Old Jars and Mini Vases
- Paper Cup
- Small Halloween Images
- Halloween Embellishments
- Gem Trim
- Gems
- Hot Glue Gun

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## Instructions:

1. Clean the inside of the jars and vases and dry.
2. Drizzle the paints into the jars and vases and swirl or let drip until the paint is covering the inside of the jar. Do this over a paper cup to reuse the paint.
3. Attach small Halloween images to the front of the jars with Mod Podge.
4. Hot glue gem trim, gems and embellishments to the jars and vases.

Tip: Soak the jars in warm soapy water to remove labels.







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