

Paperwhimsy Tutorial



Pink and Rusty Treasures By Rande Hanson September 2007

This is a tutorial showing how to create a little glass slide collage and mount on a 4x4 ceiling tile.

Paperwhimsy supplies and tools

- 4x4 Rusty tin ceiling tile
- Rusty Ivy garland
- Sticky backed Copper foil tape
- 2x2 glass slide(s)
- Paper frame
- Paperwhimsy image
- Stencil brush
- Tim Holtz Distressed Ink, Vintage Photo

Other supplies and tools

- 2 copper colored brads
- Miscellaneous collage bits
- Short piece of ribbon
- Small charm
- Glass and/or metal glues
- Small clamp
- Hammer and small 1-2 inch nail
- Optional 2x2 inch matboard

Instructions

- Before starting on the ceiling tile, it's a good idea to go ahead and punch the holes for attaching the ivy garland. I used a small nail, and hammered a small hole approximately ½ inch in from the two top corners.
- Select your 2x2 inch Paperwhimsy image, and one or two, 2x2 glass slides. You can use a glass slide or a piece of matboard for the back of the glass slide sandwich.
- Arrange any additional collage bits, and lightly glue to the image.
- Lay the glass slide over the top of the collage, and position the backing. Use a clamp to hold the sandwich.
- Unroll 3-4 inches of the sticky backed copper foil tape. Peel the backing off, and lay on table sticky side up.
- Press one edge of the sandwich on the foil, being sure it is centered. Unroll a few more inches of the tape, and roll the next side of glass sandwich. Repeat for all sides. Remove the clamp after the third side is taped.
- Cut the tape, and burnish all outside edges. Clip the foil at the corners to remove excess, and carefully fold the edges onto the glass front, and backing. Burnish all copper surfaces till smooth.
- String a small charm on a piece of ribbon. Wrap the ribbon around the glass slide starting at the top and alternating corners, being sure the charm is positioned at the bottom. Tie a small knot or bow.
- With a stencil brush, lightly age the edges of a paper frame, using the Vintage Photo Distressed Ink. Center and glue the paper frame to the rusty ceiling tile, with regular gel medium. A square of paper with decorative edging can be used as an alternative.
- Select a glue depending on the backing of the glass slide, and apply to back of the glass slide. Center the slide on the ceiling tile. Let glue the appropriate time. To be safe, even overnight.
- Bend the rusty ivy garland in almost a semi-circle. You will want to be able to line up the edges with holes punched earlier. Secure with the brads.
- Enjoy your new Paperwhimsy creation.

Notes: If you make something with some of the ideas in this tutorial, I'd love to see it!