

# Wooden blind wall decoration

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Create a unique piece of decoupage art with an old wooden blind and leftover wallpaper. You can use the same technique to transform all sorts of surfaces, from junk shop furniture to plain kitchen cupboards...

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## MATERIALS

- Old wooden blind
- Big wooden frame
- Leftover wallpaper/gift wrapping decorated with flowers and birds
- Acrylic paint
- Mod Podge
- Water-based varnish
- Blu-tack

## EQUIPMENT

- Staple gun
- Wire cutter
- Sponge brushes
- Brushes
- Small scissors
- Craft knife and cutting mat
- Measuring tape

♥ **STEP ONE** Cover the image side of the wallpaper with a layer of Mod Podge and allow it to dry.

♥ **STEP TWO** When the wallpaper is completely dry, start to cut around the edges of the images with scissors. For intricate patterns, you may prefer to use a craft knife and cutting mat. Place the images aside while you prepare the frame.

♥ **STEP THREE** Measure the opening side of the wooden frame with a measuring tape. Cut the blades of the blind loose from the blind strings. Use the measurements of the opening and cut the blades to that size (adding 4cm to the length). The 4cm will allow you to fasten the blades safely with the staple gun to the back of the frame.

♥ **STEP FOUR** Use the brush to paint the blades on both sides and allow them to dry.

♥ **STEP FIVE** When the blades are completely dry, place the frame face down on a level surface. Start to fasten the blades to the back of the frame with the staple gun or tacks, leaving 5mm spaces between the blades. This will allow some light to come through.

♥ **STEP SIX** Turn the frame around, with the opening fully covered by the blades. Decide how you want to arrange the images on the blades. Pictures can be in any design and can overlap each other. Secure it temporarily with Blu-tack.

♥ **STEP SEVEN** When you are satisfied with the layout, paint some Mod Podge on the reverse side of your first image. Place the image in position on the blade and cut it in half with the craft knife to leave the gaps between the blades clear. Stick the rest of the image on the next blade. Do this with each image. This may sound like a lot of work and planning, but it is very rewarding if you persevere.

♥ **STEP EIGHT** When you have glued all your images, cover it with another layer of Mod Podge, allow to dry and then seal it with the water-based varnish.

## TOP TIP

If you can't get hold of any Mod Podge you can make your own using equal amounts of PVA glue and water. It's a good idea to make up a batch and store it in a jar to use for future decoupage projects.

