

WOODEN PHOTO ORNAMENTS

Supplies Needed:

- Wood ornament
- Photo laser printed on computer paper
(NOTE: The image will appear backwards on the ornament, so flip/mirror the image before printing if there are any words or direction needed)
- Mod Podge
- Brush
- Heat gun/hair dryer
- Washcloth or paper towel with water
- Twine/ribbon/string
- Pencil
- Paper plate or newspaper for mess
- Scissors



Step One: Select which area of the printed image you would like showing. Using the ornament, trace the shape onto the photo and cut out. It will be easier to seal the image onto the ornament if it does NOT extend beyond the edges of the ornament.



Step Two: Evenly and thoroughly spread a moderate amount of Mod Podge onto the face of the ornament. Place the trimmed image **FACE DOWN** onto the Mod Podge. *Note: keep in mind the hole is the top of the ornament! Gently press out any bubbles. The image needs to be completely flush and touching the ornament to transfer the ink.*

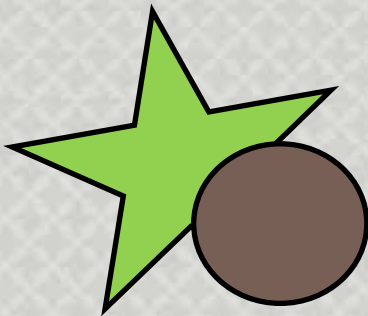
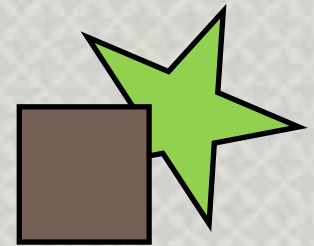


TIP: If you're having trouble picking the location, trace the ornament onto scrap cardboard, cut out the shape and use the remaining cardboard as a stencil for your photo.



Step Three: Using a heat gun or hair dryer, dry the paper on the ornament. The more dry it is, the better the transfer! Dry for at least three minutes and allow additional time to sit and let cool to adhere.

Step Four: Once completely dried and cool, gently rub the paper with a damp washcloth or paper towel. This is the most difficult and vital step, because it is easy to overdo, and hard to know if you've done enough! The paper will begin to flake off, leaving the ink transferred onto the wood. Gently rub away the paper and residue without taking the color of the image also. Some of this may still happen but can add to the personality and style of the photo! Too much residue may make the image look foggy and unclear.



Step Five: Apply an even layer of Mod Podge over your newly exposed image. Don't make it too thin as the moisture in the adhesive will help deepen the color of your image. Allow to dry.

Step Six: Using your twine, make a loop through the hole at the top of the wood to string as an ornament!



Personalization: If your ornament will be hanging with both sides exposed, repeat the steps on the opposite side. These transfers can work on all sorts of wood projects - frames, boards, even furniture! Have fun and don't forget to share your creations with the Way Public Library Facebook page!

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