



Holly Candlesticks

Using our Tissue Decoupage Paper
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Step 1

Prepare your wood candlesticks. Lightly sand, use a soft brush remove the dust from sanding. Seal with all-purpose sealer, using soft brush. Let dry. Lightly sand again.

Supplies

Wood Candlesticks - local craft store, or wood pieces from home store (Home Depot)
Sand Paper - Fine
All purpose sealer - we like Delta
Ivory acrylic paint
Red, Olive Green & Black, Burnt Umber acrylic paint
Glazing medium, like Liquitex or Golden
Crackle Medium
Paint brushes
Decoupage Paper
Elmer's glue
Varnish (Satin) - water based, like Delta

Step 2

Paint candle stick with ivory paint. Let dry.

Step 3

Apply crackle medium to center of candlestick only, per instructions on bottle. Usually crackle medium is a two step process. You apply the first medium, let dry, apply the second medium, it cracks, let dry.

Step 4

Paint top and bottom of candlestick in a peppermint strip designs. We used a small brush for the fine green stripes. Paint a horizontal black line around the base and top of the candlestick.

Step 5

Cut your Christmas image out of our tissue decoupage papers using fine scissors. Water down your Elmer's glue to the consistency of heavy cream. Apply a generous amount of glue to front and back of image and candlestick. Load your fingers well with glue so they don't stick to the front of the image. Using your fingers apply image to candlestick working out any air bubbles or wrinkles as you go. Use a damp sponge - we like kitchen cellulose sponges cut up, and remove any excess glue. Let dry.

Step 6

Mix your burnt umber acrylic paint with the glazing medium. About 10% paint to 90% glazing medium. You want it to appear translucent. Apply over entire candlestick with a soft brush, giving it an antique look. Wipe off as much of the glazing medium as you desire with a soft cloth, working the glazing medium into the cracks. Let dry.

Step 7

Apply three coats of a water-based varnish. Drying between coats. We used a semi-gloss, satin. You can use gloss, matte or satin.

