



## MERMAID CIGAR BOX PURSE

Using our Tissue Decoupage Paper

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### Step 1

Start by preparing your surface. Remove

hardware from box. Lightly sand box and feet with fine sand paper. Seal with an all-purpose acrylic sealer, let dry. Lightly sand again.

### Step 2

Paint wood box with white paint. Sponge White & Blue paint on lid and inside box using a stippling effect.

### Step 3

Cut out your tissue decoupage paper designs. Use a small pair of embroidery scissors. Pre-arrange your designs on your surface. (Once you decoupage your design it cannot be removed.)

### Step 4

Slightly water down your Elmer's glue-all. Apply thin coat of glue to the back of your cutouts, let set for 5 seconds until the paper uncurls.

### Step 5

Apply glue to surface of wood box and back of paper. Adhere paper to surface, apply coat of glue to front of image. With your fingers gently remove wrinkles working from center toward ends. Make sure your ends are sealed to surface. Clear up any excess glue with damp cloth. Let dry for 1/2 hour

### Step 6

Using a single stroke, Apply one thin coat of decoupage glue to surface of design with a soft brush, let dry. Let cure for 48 hours. Apply two coats of water based semi-gloss varnish with a soft brush. I like Minwax semi-gloss water based varnish. Let dry.

### Step 7

Attach handle and hardware. Glue charms to box with Elmer's glue-all and tie various colors of small ribbons and yarns to handles.

### Supplies

Wooden Box and Feet

Tissue Decoupage Papers - Mermaids,  
Fun section

Fine sand paper

Wire Handle, Assorted Large Beads

Small Screwdriver

Brass Charms, Ribbons and Yarn

All Purpose Acrylic Sealer

White & Blue Paint

Sponge Brush

Elmer's Glue-all

Water based semi-gloss varnish

Small Sea Sponge

Tissue Decoupage Papers - Mermaid