



FAUX CHINA JEWELRY

Using our Tissue Decoupage Paper

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Supplies

Faux China Jewelry Kit

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Tissue decoupage paper Mini images

Modge Podge, gloss or matte

Water, paper towels, scissors, pencil, tooth picks, soft paint brush

Fine Nail File

Water based gloss varnish

Metal leafing pens or permanent marker

Charms, beads, & other embellishments

Jewelry pliers - chain nose



About our Faux China

Jewelry Kits:

Our Faux China Charms are hand-made out of a PVP plastic. They are durable and give the look of porcelain. Since Our pieces are hand crafted they may have slight defects and won't be completely symmetrical. This gives additional interest to your art, and doesn't really show in the finished product. If you don't like your finished art you can just wet and remove the paper, lightly sand with fine sand paper and start all over. Our jewelry kits come fully assembled, the earring kits only require you to attach the jump ring. The vintage pieces are reproductions from the 1890's to early 1900's. The metal consists of brass which has been plated in copper or silver, antiqued, and a heavy lacquered applied. This prevents tarnishing and makes the jewelry durable. Enjoy making your one of a kind art with our Jewelry Kits!



Step 1 - Cut

Position your Faux China Charms on your Tissue Decoupage Paper over the area of the image you want and trace with a pencil. Cut out your image, slightly inside the penciled lines. You do not need to be exact as you can trim the paper to fit the China Charms when you are done.

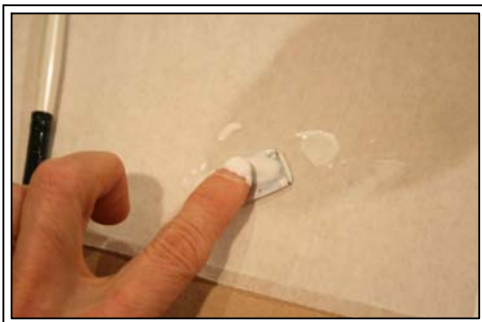


Step 2 - Paste

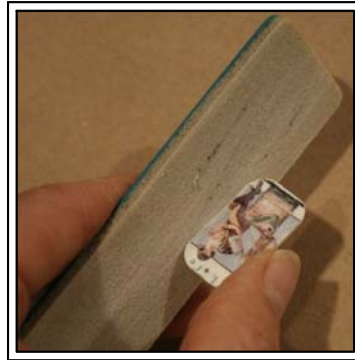
Dip your Tissue Decoupage Paper in water to soften and blot dry with a paper towel.

Apply Modge Podge glue to back of image using soft brush. Turn your paper over and apply a generous amount of Modge Podge to front of image using your fingers, this prevents your fingers from sticking to the paper, makes the paper

adhere better, and seals your image. Apply Modge Podge to Faux China Charm, with all pieces still wet apply paper to Faux China Piece. Use your fingers to smooth image onto surface, clean up any excess glue with your brush. Once dry, apply another thin coat of glue to front of image. Let dry.

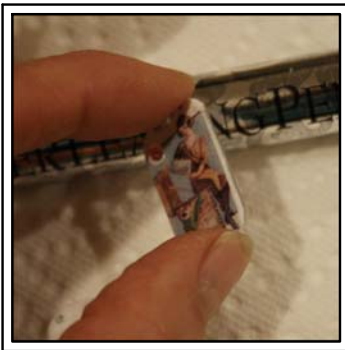


Step 3 - Finishing Holding your scissors at a 45 degree angle trim the excess paper from the edges of your China Charm. Lightly sand the sides of your piece with fine sand paper...we used a fine nail file. Use a toothpick to puncture the paper to match the hole in the China Charm, do both the front and back. Twist the tooth pick to get a clean hole.



Step 4 - Varnish/Stain

Once your pendant is dry (remember it may feel dry, but if it is cold to the touch it is still wet), you can now antique or stamp over your image. **Staining:** apply a generous amount of stain on entire piece, wipe off a little with a damp sponge. *Acrylic Stain can be made using equal parts of an acrylic paint and acrylic glazing medium, or you can purchase this prepared by Golden or Liquitex. Our favorites are Raw Umber and Burnt Umber by Golden, this gives a vintage feel to your projects. I also like to make an ivory/or white glaze using the glazing medium and white paint for a whitewash effect.* **Stamping:** Before you apply your varnish you can stamp your China Charm with various words and images to give it more interest. Use a good solvent based ink pad, such as Staz-on, this will prevent your ink from running when you varnish your finished project. **Varnish:** Put tooth pick into hole and apply two coats of gloss or satin water based varnish to your China Charm with a soft brush, remove tooth pick while varnish is still wet. Let dry between coats. Don't use a sponge brush for this application as you will get air bubbles. Let dry.

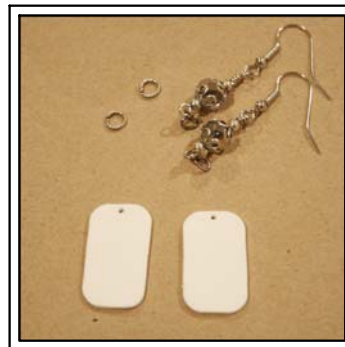


Step 5 - Embellish

Lightly sand sides of your China Charm to remove any stain/varnish. Use either a colored permanent marker or leafing pen around the edges. Also, glue any charm, rhinestones, or other embellishments to your China Charm using Elmer's or another good all purpose glue. If you are creating one of our set-in bails, like a pendant, now is the time to glue in your China Charm using Elmer's or a good all purpose glue. If you want to change your piece in the future, you can use good quality double sided tape to adhere your piece and remove it later on. We have extra Faux China Charms for our Pendants and earrings on our website. How great is that, changeable jewelry!

Step 6 - Attach your Jump ring

Jump rings are really easy to attach. Open your jump rings with 2 chain nosed jewelry pliers, by twisting side to side, do not pull apart. Thread jump ring through hole in Faux China Charm and through end of earring attachment. Close the same way you opened by twisting side to side. We provided 4 jump rings so you can practice.



We have 15 different Faux China Jewelry Kits on our website!