



## **Wrinkles & Air Bubbles!!** **www.blackberrydesigns.com**

*I get asked this many times. How do you get the wrinkles and air bubbles out of decoupage paper?*

Any paper, regular weight 20-24lb, med weight 14-18lb, or light weight 14lb and under will get wrinkles when glue is applied to the paper. The most important trick is to wet the paper to soften the cotton. The heavier the weight the more water. For example.

20-24lb, regular weight, paper should be soaked in water for 1-2 minutes, removed and blot dry. Let the paper sit for a few minutes to soften, before applying your glue.

9lb-14lb, light weight paper, lightly brush water, or spray, on the front and back. Let the paper sit for a few minutes to soften, before applying the glue.

The trick to helping with air bubbles to is apply enough glue on both the paper and surface you are applying the paper. If you do get an air bubble, I use a round pencil/pen/or paintbrush handle, load it with glue and gently roll it over the surface.

When I teach my beginning Decoupage Students I find most of them are afraid of applying too much glue, and don't understand the need to apply glue to the front and back of your image. Think of it like a sandwich, your paper is the cheese and your glue the bread. A generous amount of glue will help with the air bubbles, wrinkles and any shiny spots on glass.

Let me know any other question you may have regarding decoupage applications. I will be addressing those in my future newsletters.

Thanks, and have creative a day!

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