

Transfer Photo to Wood



Supplies

- **Wood.** Any size that works for the photo you choose. Find smaller pieces at craft stores (Hobby Lobby, Michael's, etc.). You can also use shelving boards from Home Depot or Lowe's and cut and sand edges to fit. Light wood with some grain works really well. I want to try driftwood and see how that turns out. So be creative - try different kinds of wood that go with the photo who choose.
- **Mod Podge Glue.** Use Mod Podge glue - it works the best and is the recommended product on most websites I found.
- **Putty Knife** or any kind of straight edge for smoothing the glued paper.
- **Sponge.** I use a yellow grouting sponge and cut a small piece (about 1.5" x 2")
- **Photo printed on Color Copier.** Select & print the photo you want to use. Take the print to a place (Postal Annex, Office Supply Store, etc) that has a color copier.
NOTE: if your photo has words or you need it facing a certain way, you will need to reverse the photo prior to making the print and having it copied on the color printer.
- **Mod Podge Clear Acrylic Sealer.** Use the 'matte' or 'gloss' version depending on the look you want. Any good acrylic sealer should work fine.



Instructions

1. Sand the wood, if needed. Paint sides, etc., as appropriate.
2. Place the paper (print side down) on the wood and trace around the wood and cut your paper to the size you want it to be on the wood.
3. On the front of the paper copy of the photo, spread a healthy amount of the glue.
4. Adhere the glue side of the paper to the wood. Use a plastic putty knife or any kind of straight edge to smooth the paper making sure to remove any bubbles.
5. Let Dry for 24 hours.
6. Get a small bowl of water. Dampen (squeeze out excess water before using) the sponge and start rubbing over the dried paper. Take your time and gently rub until the paper starts to peel away from the wood. You will start to see the photo coming thru. Be careful not to rub too hard with a sponge that is too wet or the glued photo may come off as well.
7. When you've got most of the paper removed, let it dry and wipe again with a damp sponge. Keep doing this until almost all of the tiny paper pieces are removed. The last remaining tiny remnants will disappear when you spray with the acrylic sealer.
8. Spray 3-4 coats with the acrylic spray.

