Gift box designed with " napkin technique "

Instructions No. 4087

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 1 hour 30 Minutes

With a **wooden box shaped like a book**, you can create a **special " gift wrapping "** with a personal touch this Christmas season. The **napkin technique** creates a charming winter scene with a Christmas tree and light snowfall that instantly feels festive. The box is a stylish way to store monetary gifts, little notes, or sweet little treats. This turns a simple wooden box into a thoughtful gift.



Decorate a wooden box shaped like a book with " napkin technique " to give it a Christmas feel

Lay out the wooden box in its book-shaped form and wipe it down briefly to remove any dust. This ensures the " handicraft paint " adheres evenly and the " napkin varnish " can bond properly later. It's best to work on a covered

surface so you can let the box dry in between steps.

Step 1: Apply a white base coat for vibrant colors Prime the outside of the wooden box with white “ handicraft paint. ” A light base is important for the “ napkin technique ” technique because it makes the napkin design appear clear and vibrant and prevents the wood from showing through.

Step 2: Prepare the napkin motif Choose a Christmas motif that matches the front of the “book” box, such as a winter landscape or a decorated Christmas tree. With “ napkins ,” use only the top, printed layer: Carefully peel off the unprinted layers so that the design is thin enough to lie flat.

Step 3: Apply a thin coat of “ napkin varnish ” Apply a thin coat of “ napkin varnish. ” to the primed surface. “Thin” is the key here: Too much varnish will quickly cause the “ napkin ” to wrinkle and become difficult to control. The varnish acts as both an adhesive and a protective layer—it ensures the design lasts permanently and can be wiped clean later.

Step 4: Place the design and smooth it out Place the printed napkin layer onto the varnish layer while it’s still damp. Then apply another thin coat of napkin varnish. to the design. Gently smooth the napkin design from the center outward to remove air bubbles and prevent wrinkles from forming. Use soft, long brush strokes and apply light pressure to prevent the “ napkin ” from tearing.

Step 5: Neatly trim the excess Once dry, carefully trim any excess napkin with scissors. This will give you a clean edge and ensure the design fits neatly against the wooden box.

Now it’s your turn! Design your book-shaped wooden box to suit the occasion with a Christmas-themed napkin motif and turn it into a lovely gift box. You’ll find everything you need for “ napkin technique, ” handicraft paint and the matching accessories in our online shop—pick out your favorites and get started on your next Christmas project.

Must Have



VBS Wooden box "Book"

Length: 12 cm
Width: 7 cm
Height: 17.5 cm
Thickness: 0.7 cm
Material: Pine wood

5,99 €

Item details

Quantity: − 1 + Add to cart



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29709	VBS Wooden box "Book"	1
30366	Napkin "Christmas tree in the snow"	1
27488	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlWhite	1
20599	VBS School brush, set of 4	1
120272	VBS Napkin & Decoupage brush, set of 3	1
21904	VBS Scissors "Soft-Grip", set of 2	1
27545	VBS Napkin varnish "Matt"100 ml	1