

Folk Art House Photo Display  
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Create a 'cut-out' Folk Art photo display using everyday items to create an artful, family friendly memento.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Cardboard

Scraps of paper from everyday things like junk mail, old books, homework pages, gift wrap, etc...

Gel medium or other wet adhesive like Collage Pauge or Mod Podge

Gesso optional

Acrylic paint of your choice

Water Soluble Wax Pastels (or acrylic paint if you don't have the pastels)

Pencil

Brushes and scraper (an old credit card, piece of chipboard, etc...)

Cardboard coffee sleeve

Button

Glue dots or hot glue

Photo sized for your house (My photo is 2.5" square)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Cut out the house:

Decide how large you want your photo display to be. Sketch it on the cardboard and cut it out; or cut it out freehand.

Create the house:

1. Gesso the cardboard if you are not going to collage the entire surface. Otherwise move on to the next step.
2. Collage paper scraps as you wish, covering the majority of the surface.
3. Once the collage is mostly dry, unify it all with a thin layer of acrylic paint using a scraper or foam brush.
4. Decide how much room you want to leave for your photo. Then use the water soluble wax pastels to scribble in a window and door and any other details you'd like to add.
5. Seal all water soluble wax pastel areas with gel medium to keep them from moving. Once the gel medium is added you can scratch into it with a toothpick or skewer to add detail.

Create the photo holder and stand:

1. Adhere a glue dot to the lower back portion of the button and press into place just below where you want to place your photo.
2. Cut the coffee sleeve in half. Choose a half and place a glue dot in the middle of it to keep it from spreading open. Use another glue dot to tack the cut edges together.
3. Make a heavy vertical crease/fold about ½ inch from the cut edge. The fold should create a thin and wide panel. The thin panel (cut edge side) should create a 90 degree angle with the wide panel.
4. Place a glue dot on the back of the thin panel and adhere the panel to the back of the cut out in the middle and about ½ inch from the bottom.

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