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Make a Gold-Leafed Holiday Box



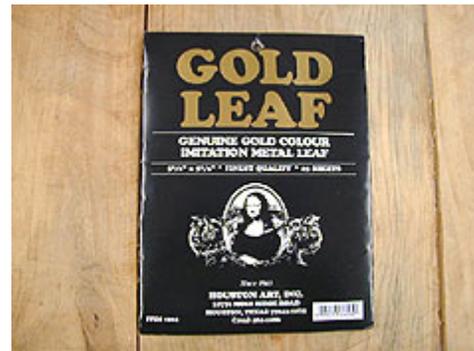
Gold Leaf imitation metal leaf applied to our sturdy paper mache boxes makes a warm and festive holiday gift box that can be further embellished with holiday floral decorations, and die-cut, bead-covered holiday shapes. This is a quick and easy project that will yield pleasing results.

(Image and Concept: Ben Franklin Crafts and Frames Holiday 2001 Home Idea Book)

Here's a Shopping List for What You'll Need:



A paper mache box from our Paper Mache Department for



"Gold Leaf". Actually, it's genuine gold color imitation metal

applying the gold leaf to. We have a broad selection of shapes and sizes to choose from.

leaf, but it looks like gold. A special Silver Leaf is also available to create silver-leafed boxes.

Special Gold Leaf Adhesive is available for adhering the gold leaf to the surface of the box. You'll also need a sponge brush to apply it.

A nice selection of festive floral holiday decorations is available from Ben Franklin's Floral Department.

Here's how to make and enjoy them as easy as 1-2-3



1. Apply the Gold Leaf Adhesive: Apply an even layer of adhesive to your surface. Allow the adhesive to dry to the touch for approximately twenty minutes.



2. Apply the Gold Leaf: Carefully remove one sheet of composite metal leafing from the book. Place the sheet of metal leaf on your surface. Smooth the metal leafing with your fingers, transferring it to the adhesive. Repeat until the entire surface is covered.



3. Add a Floral Decoration, Die-Cut, Bead-Covered Emblems and Enjoy the Results!:

Attach the floral holiday decoration to the lid of the box using a hot glue gun. The box that's shown also features festive holiday die-cuts made from special peel & stick double-sided craft sheet adhesive sprinkled with "no-hole" glass beads to create a nicely textured raised emblem effect.

Have a great time with this great project!