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FREE Project Idea

How to: Transferring a Photo to Wood

Supplies

- Wood Item (Board, Plaque, Block, Slab, etc.)
- Claudine Hellmuth Studio Multi-Medium in Matte ([Sold HERE](#))
- Foam Brush
- A Favorite Photo

Directions



Before you get started, print a favorite photo on regular printing paper using an inkjet printer. If you have a lot of white in your photo, keep in mind that white does not transfer (since there isn't any color there) and the wood will show through instead.

1. Prep the surface of the wood by rubbing a damp cloth over it to remove any dust and particles.
2. Using the foam brush, completely cover the surface of the wood where the photo will be transferred with the Medium.

Be sure to give the wood a good thick layer of the multi-medium because the photo will not transfer in any areas that you may have missed which will create empty spots in the transfer. To ensure a complete transfer, you can use the foam brush to apply a light coat onto the photo.

3. Now, carefully lay the photo onto the wood to prevent any large wrinkles or accidental placement onto the wood. Once the paper touches the multi-medium, it will be very difficult to reposition your photo.
4. Smooth it out with your fingers to get out all air bubbles. Do not apply too much pressure as the paper may tear. You want to make sure that you have the paper completely adhered to the multi-medium.
5. Set aside for 12-24 hours to let it completely dry.

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6. Once dry, take a wet sponge and press it onto the paper, saturating it with water.
7. When the paper is completely saturated, lightly rub the paper off with the sponge. This may take a while but do this until all the paper has removed to reveal your photo.

If you still see paper residue on the wood, let it dry, then repeat steps 6-7. If you rub too hard, you can affect the photo transfer.

8. When you're done, you can leave the photo as is, use Ranger Distress Ink around the edges to really give it that rustic look, or add embellishments.

To hang the photo, you can attach a saw tooth picture hanger or drill holes in it to string twine or ribbon.

You can watch the video on how to create this project here: <http://youtu.be/eN89-ceFJ-U>



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