

ANTIQUA BOOK PROJECT

As seen on 3-TV's Good Morning Arizona by the Garage Sale Gal, Lynda Hammond

Here is a fun and easy way to make a wonderful memory even more beautiful. Use an old garage sale book, a favorite picture or quote (or both) and turn it into a work of art.

Supplies:

old, hardcover book from garage sale

exacto knife

picture, quote, etc

gold spray paint

sponge or paint brush

glue

embellishments (if needed) such as bows, beads or anything else you might want to help decorate

book or plate stand from craft store

Directions:

step 1 : On book, remove any loose, paper covers and place it down flat on the table. Open the book up to find the center of the book, then flip 10-12 pages over to create a New (uneven) center this way you will not see any binding later.

Step 2: Now that you have your new center separate about 10 pages on each side. These 10 pages will create the frame for your greeting card or picture.

Step 3: Mix your white glue with a small amount of water so it's nice and runny and easy to apply.

Step 4: Lay your cards or images down onto the book to get a feel for where you will place them. Once you have decided on your layout draw around the pictures with a light pencil line.

Step 5: Using an exacto blade cut a space for the picture, quotes, etc. into the 10 page layer on each side.

Step 6: Secure your 10 pages on each side with some paperclips.

Step 7: Starting at the beginning of one side begin gluing down the pages by placing a small amount of glue onto each page. You could use a spray adhesive with this, too.

TIP: As you can be sure to shape the pages in your book to get a curved page look as shown in the picture. You can control how rounded or how flat your book is by the way you glue down the pages.

Step 8: Do the same thing for the other side of the book making sure they match.

Step 9: Let dry.

Step 10: Add any embellishments to the book that you want sprayed gold.. small wooden hearts or beads..or anything that goes well with the picture or quote.

Step 11: Let dry. Then using spray paint spray the complete book gold or other color making sure to tilt the book at different angles to get it into the curls and along the page lines.

Step 12: Slide in your photos and secure the top ten pages down with glue.

Step 15: Embellish the book with dried flowers, ribbons and other items.

Put the book on a plate stand or book holder for display.

You can make these books in every size imaginable, make small pocket sized books for small gifts for loved ones and family.