

make it perfect

Follow our step-by-step guide

DISCOVER HOW A HUMBLE SHEET OF PAPER CAN BE TRANSFORMED IN VARIOUS WAYS INTO BEAUTIFUL ACCESSORIES!

Relatively cheap and abundant, paper is something we tend to take for granted yet it has a wide variety of uses, particularly in crafts. What's more, many of the techniques used to transform paper into decorative shapes and forms can also be used for jewellery, creating unusual and beautiful pieces. Make use of patterned papers, or recycle gift wrap, magazines and pretty wrappers for extra eco-chic points!



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WHAT techniques ARE THERE?

There are various paper crafts that jewellery makers can press into service, such as the ancient craft of cartapesta leccese from Lecce, Puglia, South Italy. Beautiful items such as roses are formed from torn paper and a special glue, so that once dry, the pieces become extremely hard and durable. The traditional Japanese art of origami, where decorative squares of paper are folded into intricate shapes, is another favourite with designs such as stars making attractive pendants. You can also create beads from rolled strips of paper or layer découpage paper cut-outs over existing items for an instant revamp.

Decorative Papers

There is a wealth of beautiful patterned papers available for origami, découpage and even specifically for jewellery making.

All items are available from www.stampaddictsshop.co.uk, 01234 855833.

WHAT WILL I need?

Depending on the technique you choose, any or all of these items are useful for creating paper jewellery

Findings

Suspend decorative sections of paper in small frames to make pendants or charms.

Decoupage Medium

There are various types of adhesive that are suitable for découpage, such as Mod Podge or Pinflair gel.

Scissors

A good pair of scissors is essential for many techniques.

Ink Pads

Keep a selection of different colours handy, allowing you to get the most from your stamps.

Rubber Stamps

Try printing plain papers with exotic designs to create your own unique sheets.

