

Decorated Trinket Box



Outcome

An attractive trinket box will be created using a small craft box painted using brushwork and sponging and decorated with shells.

What you will need

Small papermache craft box
Poster paints in blue and white
Old plastic lid or saucer to hold the paint
Paint brushes
Sponge (a small piece of kitchen sponge will work well)
Water container
PVA glue
Shells (tiny shells are best)
Newspapers.

Here's how to make it!

- o Spread newspaper over your work area to protect it from paint and glue
- o Place some blue paint on the saucer and, using your paint brush, paint the box blue to represent the ocean. Paint the lid as well. If you want to, paint the inside.
Tip: Paint the outside of the box first. While it is drying, paint the outside of the lid. Paint the inside of the box, then the inside of the lid. Turn the box over and paint the base.
- o Allow to dry
- o Now for the waves -- Place some white paint on the saucer and use a sponge to create the white foam on the box and lid.
- o Allow to dry
- o Glue on the shells.
Tip: Put the lid on the box before you decorate with the shells, so that the shells are not glued where the lid covers the box.

Variations

Paint the box in earth colours and decorate with small twigs and gum nuts
Paint the box black and decorate with stick-on stars