

Craft Project: Transforming Thrift Shop Glass

Thrift stores usually have shelves full of glass vases and jars in many sizes and shapes for just a few dollars. Think of these as a blank canvas for your art. This handout has a few suggestions but you may come up with other ideas as well. The Mod Podge glue used in these projects creates a pretty frosted effect on the glass and acts as a water sealant. Use your transformed vases to hold candles, flowers or other objects. They make great gifts!

General Materials You Need

- ✚ Glass vases or jars from your local thrift shop (smooth surfaces work best)
- ✚ Mod Podge glue
- ✚ Paintbrush or foam brush
- ✚ Something to protect the table surface where you work

Nature Theme

- ✚ Use well-formed and sturdy leaves and/or flower petals

1. Decide what you want your design to look like. Do you want your leaves or flowers to appear in random spots, or do you have a deliberate pattern in mind?
2. Work in small sections at a time.
3. Brush on a thin layer of the Mod Podge glue. Arrange your nature items based on your design, gently press them into place and then carefully cover with another layer of the glue. If the corners of the objects won't lie flat immediately, let the glue dry for a minutes until it is stickier and then press down again.
4. Once you are done, leave the vase to completely dry. If you plan on putting water in the vase, another coat of Mod Podge is a good idea as an extra layer of sealant.



Personal Style

- ✚ Pick up a roll or two of washi paper tape in a favorite pattern(s)

1. Decide what you want your design to look like. Do you want to alternate tape colors or patterns, or use only one style?

2. Wrap the tape around the vase one row at a time. You may have to work in smaller strips. Don't worry about having your tape be extra neat. Because of the vase's shape, you will have to adjust the rows as you go. A little unevenness will only add to the design.

3. When your vase is covered, brush on a thin layer of the Mod Podge glue. Let the vase completely dry. If you plan on putting water in the vase, another coat of Mod Podge is a good idea as an extra layer of sealant.



Stained Glass

- ✚ Gather some small multi-colored squares or strips of tissue paper (can purchase in packets at many craft stores or cut up your own from large sheets of tissue paper)

1. Decide what you want your design to look like. Do you want a surface of random colors, or do you have a deliberate pattern in mind?

2. Work in small sections at a time.

3. Brush on a thin layer of the Mod Podge glue. Arrange the tissue paper strips based on your design and gently press them into place.

4. Carefully cover the paper with another layer of the glue.

5. Once you are done, leave the vase to completely dry. If you plan on putting water in the vase, another coat of Mod Podge is a good idea as an extra layer of sealant.

