



## **[DIY Decoupage American Flag Sign](#)**

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### **DIY Decoupage American Flag Sign Materials:**

- Scissors
- Magazines – 2 or 3 is probably all you will need
- Elmer's Glue
- Wooden Stars
- Paint Brush (for applying glue)
- Wooden Sign – pre-made or upcycled wood
- Ribbon, Twine or Rope and stapler (to make a hanger on the back of your sign if you did not buy premade)
- Mod Podge
- Mod Podge Spray Sealer

### **DIY Decoupage American Flag Sign Directions:**

- Go through your magazines and hunt for American themed items you can add, as well as general red, white and blue pages. You will want a few different shades of each color. It helps to layer the pieces on and have a variety. As you are pulling pages out and cutting your shapes, put them into piles by color to make it easier for when it is time to glue. If your sign has separated pieces of wood the way the one in this tutorial did (it is not handmade), you have the stripes already laid out for you. However, if your wood is a solid you will need to decide before you glue how thick you want the stripes to be. Use a pencil and ruler to draw guidelines.
- Wipe down the wood on the sign to dislodge any dust or debris.
- Begin fitting your pieces together along the lines for the stripes. Make sure you plot these out

before you begin gluing. Using Elmer's glue begin gluing down the first section of red, then the white stripes. Alternate the stripe colors as you go. Keep yourself on track so as not to overlap a stripe into the next color's area. It is easy to keep going and pass up the line if you are not careful.

- Do the same for the left blue corner laying out the pieces of blue first so you can make adjustments, and then gluing down. Use your finger to smear the glue over the edges too, to help the pieces lay flat. The Elmer's glue dries clear.
- Paint your wooden stars white if you like, or leave them natural. If you do not have wooden stars, cut out a white star shape from your magazines and use that as a star (or glue it to the wooden stars instead of painting them!)
- Glue stars to the sign. Allow to dry completely.
- Use your paintbrush to brush on a thick coat of mod podge over the entire sign – paper, stars – cover it all. No need to worry about brush strokes as that is part of the charm of the project.
- Let the sign dry completely.
- Spray your finished project with a clear coat of Mod Podge Spray Sealer. It comes in several finishes from matte to high gloss, so you can choose the finish look you would like.
- Display as you like!