

Bird Themed Modern Vintage Paper Mache Box Set

These modern vintage, bird-themed boxes are great for organization or inspiration in any room!

Aida cloth is usually used for counted cross-stitch, but it also makes a great surface for stenciling and adds lots of texture to this box set.

Designs are stenciled onto Aida cloth with paint and then decoupage onto the boxes. Each lid is finished sweetly with coordinating baker's twine and buttons.



Materials Checklist

- Paper Mache round box set #2849-09
- Scrapbook paper of choice
- Aida cloth
- Plaid Bird stencil or your choice
- Bakers Twine of choice
- Acrylic paint: green, pink and blue
- Black inkpad
- Buttons of choice
- Mod Podge
- Foam brushes
- Sponge dabbers
- Tape runner
- Paper trimmer
- X-acto knife
- Scissors
- Disposable gloves

Project Tips: Wear a pair of disposable gloves as you decoupage the Aida cloth. When you stencil, hold stencils firmly in place and use a pouncing motion for best results.

1. Use lids as a template. Place the lids facedown onto the center of the backside of the cardstock. Trace lid with a pencil and cut out with an X-acto knife. Trim paper to fit the sides of the lid. Mod Podge papers to the lids and let dry. Ink along top rim with an inkpad.
2. Measure out the Aida cloth to go around each box with half-inch overlap at the end and an extra inch at the top. Cut with scissors.
3. Flatten the Aida cloth on a clean surface. Place stencil near the center and pounce on paint with a sponge dabber. Carefully lift off stencil and work on a section further down on the Aida cloth. Let paint dry. Go back and stencil in any other areas you want some design.
4. When the paint is completely dry, cut 1/2 inch long vertical slits along the top and the bottom of the cloth, spacing them about an inch apart. Mod podge the Aida cloth onto the boxes, centering it. (You may need to apply a heavier application for the cloth to remain in place.) Fold the top portion over the rim and the bottom portion along the bottom of the box. Let dry overnight.
5. Cut about 3-4 yards of bakers twine. Fold in half and wrap once around the lid of a box. Slide the ends through the loop you just created by folding the twine. Separate the ends and wrap 2-3 times around the lid. Knot, slide on a button and knot again. String a button onto each of the ends, knot and trim.