

## Decoupage Flower

### Pots

Brighten up your plastic flower pots with this traditional Victorian paper craft.

You will need:

Clean plastic garden pots  
Patterned wrapping paper  
Old magazines  
Scissors  
Household paint sample pot  
and paint brush  
Glue (clear or white) and  
something to spread it with

The Victorians loved decorating objects by gluing paper cut-outs on to items such as books and furniture. Decoupage's origins date back much further to early medieval times, spreading from Siberia to China and eventually to Europe.

Our version is much simpler than traditional methods which used 40 layers of clear varnish which was then sanded down!



1. First, you will need to make the surface of your pot suitable for having paper stuck on it by either adding a coat of household paint or adding a coat of glue. Let the paint or glue dry before the next step.

2. Next, cut out some shapes from the wrapping paper. You could also use some patterns from a non-glossy magazine.



3. Add glue to your cut-out shapes and stick them to the pot one at a time, slightly overlapping them.

4. Finish off your pot with at least 1 coat of glue. Your pot will need more if they are going outside.