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Julie Fei-Fan Balzer uses tissue paper dress patterns to embellish pages, cards and journals.







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Tissue Paper Journal Cover

by Michelle LaPoint Rydell

Hi everyone! I am so excited that Julie has asked me to share my tutorial with you! I've developed a love for working with tissue paper, and sewing patterns are just the best!!!

This technique is super easy and I hope you will think it's fun too!

Here are the supplies you will need:



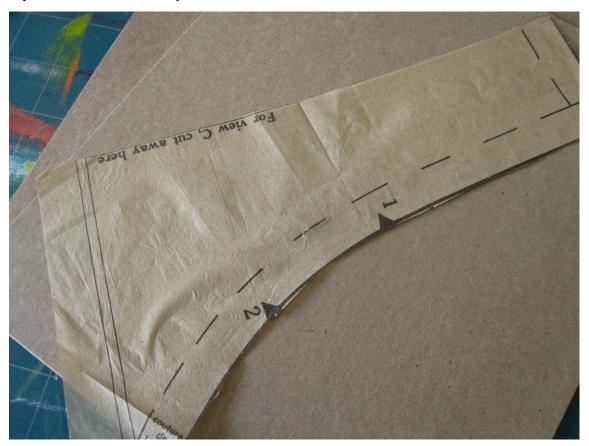
- ~Glue Stick
- ~Two pieces of plain brown heavyweight chipboard
- ~A sewing pattern (I got mine from the thrift store for \$.39)
- ~Scratch paper to put under your tissue to catch extra glue (I like to use magazine pages)

Instructions:

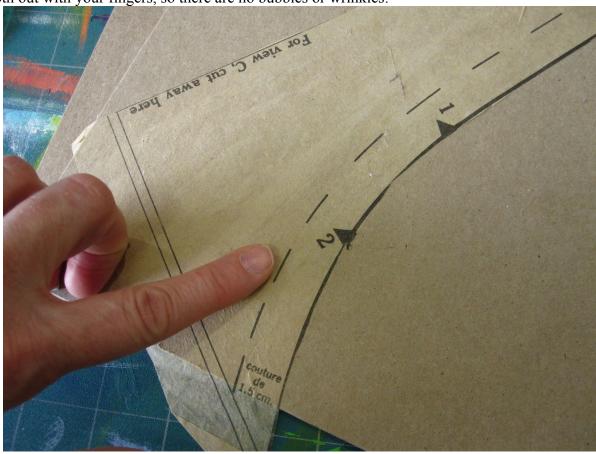
- 1. Tear or cut your sewing pattern tissue into pieces. Mine happened to be already cut by the previous owner.
- 2. Take a piece of the tissue and cover it completely with glue stick. It's important to make sure that you don't miss any spots or you will end up with air bubbles on your project.



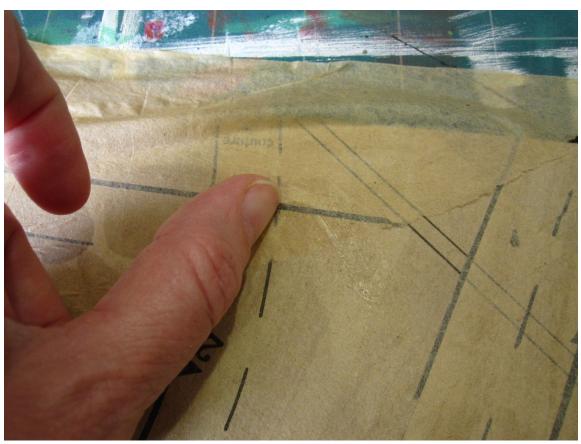
3. Place your tissue on to the chipboard cover...



and smooth out with your fingers, so there are no bubbles or wrinkles:



4. Repeat this process until the front of your cover is completely covered with tissue. Overlap the pieces to make sure it is completely covered.

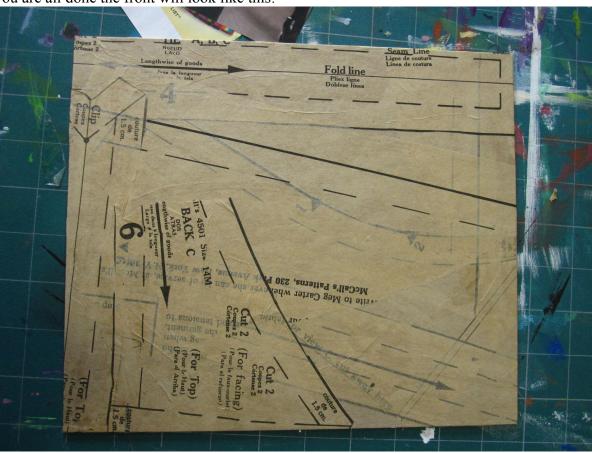


5. When you come to the edge of your chipboard, wrap the tissue around and secure it onto the back, like this:

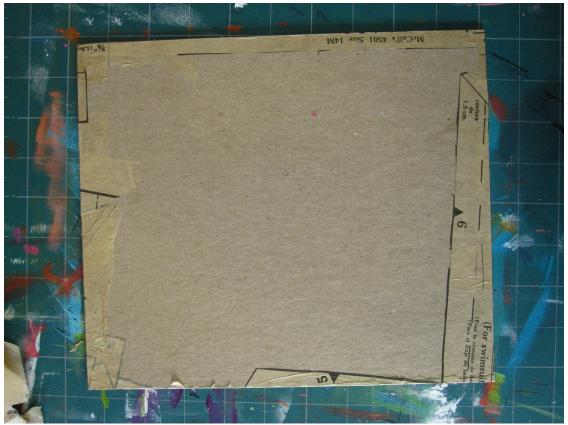




6. When you are all done the front will look like this:



and the back will look like this:



7. Repeat the process on the back of the cover, so it is completely covered too.

8. You may want to add extra layers to both sides for more depth. I think the beauty is in seeing the patterns

from the different layers peeking through! I added a few more pieces to mine:



9. To finish your cover, add whatever decoration suits your fancy! I added some gesso circles, and then a painted flower. Turn the page to see how my finished journal cover looks...



I hope you've enjoyed this tutorial!

Happy creating!

Michelle LaPoint Rydell

P.S. Come on over and visit me at my blog - I'd love to see you there! Here's the address:

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