



IMAGINATION CRAFTS HINTS AND TIPS

USING RICE PAPER FOR YOUR MIXED MEDIA AND PAPERCRAFTING PROJECTS

Imagination Crafts Rice Paper is suitable for all your crafting projects and has many applications. It is made from the pith of the rice plant and not actual rice that we eat; therefore the paper is not edible and should not be used for cooking purposes.



To apply Imagination Crafts Rice Paper to a surface, first decide whether you want a sharp, clean outline or a soft 'feathered' outline. Also, you need to decide if you want a 'softer less sharp' image, or a sharper whiter image.

Rice Paper is thin and almost translucent, so if you want it to show up, say under glass, then first of all stick the Rice Paper onto a piece of white copy paper or thin white card using the Imagination Crafts Fabric Decoupage Glue. Apply the glue with a flat synthetic brush and wash the brush out immediately in cold water. (Do not use hot water to wash your brush or it will 'set', the glue into the brush). Once you have rinsed your brush out thoroughly in cold water you can then wash it in warm, soapy water and rinse and dry thoroughly.



To achieve a soft feathered outline image first wet a flat brush in clean water and trace around the outline of the image you want for your project. Once the water has soaked through the paper (this happens almost immediately) you can then carefully tear out the image using both hands and carefully, following the contours of the water mark, and pull the image away from the main Rice Paper. If you reach an area where there is a piece of cotton or silk then cut through this with a pair of small sharp scissors or gently pull apart being careful not to tear into your image. Put aside and allow to dry completely before use.



If you want a clean sharp outline design, either cut out the design with a pair of small sharp scissors and apply the decoupage glue onto the back of the image and carefully stick it onto some thin white card or paper, or stick the whole sheet of Rice Paper onto the card or paper. Allow the Rice Paper to dry completely on the backing before you apply the glue to the back of the design unless you are working on the back or inside of glass, in which case you apply the glue to the front of the design before you stick it onto the surface of your project.

To apply the glue to a soft feathered design, carefully spread a little glue all over the back of the Rice Paper before you place it onto your card, canvas, MDF or surface. Apply the sticky Rice Paper carefully so you don't get lines and creases in the design. You will have a moment or two to carefully pull up the Rice Paper and re-position it if you get lines and wrinkles when you first lay it down. When you have stuck the Rice Paper on to the surface, carefully stroke some more Decoupage Glue over the design so that it seals it when it is dry.

Apply the glue to the back of a sharp cut outline design and stick down in the same way. Always allow each application of Decoupage Glue to dry completely before you apply another layer.



Imagination Crafts Decoupage Glue also acts as a sealer and can be applied over the dried stuck down image. Apply the glue over the image with the same flat brush and ensure the glue is applied to all the edges, especially if you are applying the Rice Paper to fabric that is going to be washed. If you find the image has lifted slightly after washing reseal with a little more glue once the garment has been dried.

The finished sheets of Rice Paper are made by first collecting the plant and mixing it with cotton and silk inclusions. The paper is then pressed into sheets of thin, almost translucent paper and then printed with a colour fast printing process. Each sheet is strong and durable and can be cut up with scissors or torn using a wet paint brush traced around the design. The designs can then be glued onto a surface with Imagination Crafts Fabric Decoupage Glue which acts as a glue and a sealer, and has the advantages of making the Rice Paper waterproof when applied to fabric or outdoor projects. Rice Paper can be applied to many surfaces including card, acetate, fabric, MDF, wood, walls, furniture, glass and ceramic.