

How to make Mixed Media Tags:

Step 1



Items used: A4 sheet of cardstock (not too heavy or thick, I used 140g), scraps of paper, glue stick, scissors, stencils, gesso, distress inks & ink blending tool, archival ink (waterproof), ribbon, flowers, etc for decoration. Select papers, any colour will do or you can coordinate colours.

Step 2



Glue down scrap paper randomly, could overlap. Use enough glue or mod podge to adhere to the cardstock. (You can go ahead and cut it up now. However, the creative process did not end here for me.

Step 3



I went ahead and added gesso more heavily on the overlaps of the scrap papers and a bit less on the scraps, so that the print and pattern still show. If you feel you added too much gesso (you can use white acrylic paint too) you can wipe it down with a baby wipe or wet wipe, while the gesso is still wet.

Step 4



Play with stencils and distress inks (again if you do not have that, make your own cut/punch out holes from cardboard to make your own) you could also use acrylic paint here as well or simply make some scribbles with normal colouring pencils. I added some white and red splashes (the red shows orange as I used the water from the gesso to thin out).

Step 5



Add stamps if you prefer. I added the same stamp in Hickory smoke and then again in Black Soot.

Step 6



Turn the cardstock over & measure out your tags. You can eyeball it or cut with a paper trimmer. I cut it with scissors, after measuring..

Step 7



These are my "tags" after I cut it out. I love to see which card/tag will have what part of the original collage. (Again, you can stop here if you wish).

Step 8



The original plan was to make only tags, but decided then to make a variety. You can thus go ahead and change all into tags or journal cards. Here I rounded some corners (corner rounder might not be able to handle the thickness of the paper project, or if you do not have a corner rounder, go ahead use your glue stick and trace the rounding on the corners or use a tag to cut your corners accordingly, that way you are sure they are even and the same size. If you have a punch, you could use that too. Or you can simply eyeball it again and cut the corners as you wish.

Step 9



You can go ahead and add stitching/faux stitching to your cards, I used the black soot distress ink to round it off. You could use any other black ink or water colour paint.

Step 10

Sorry no picture. (I truly forgot to take one)

Measure where to put the tag holes or use a tag to know where to punch a hole if you decide to make tags, but do so before decorating.

Step 11



Decorate your tags, ATC's or journal cards however you wish, with what you have. I used a variety of things lying around.

Step 12



Here is my final product.

I hope this was useful. As long as you have fun making it!