REVERSE DECOUPAGE HOLIDAY PLATE

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MATERIALS: clean 8" diameter plain glass plate*
plain gift wrap
patterned gift wrap if desired
white glue
Mod-Podge sealer glue
china marker
flat paint brushes
small sharp scissors

CUTTING

If you plan to use motifs from the patterned gift wrap, cut out whatever designs you like. Arrange them, as desired, on the back of the plate. Outline the cutouts on the front of the plate with the china marker (see “gluing” below).

GLUING

Spread a thin coat of white glue on the front of each cutout. Stick the cutout pieces on the back of the plate following the outlines, rubbing to press out the bubbles. Wipe off any squeezed out glue with a damp cloth and allow the glue to dry. Scratch off or rinse glue streaks, being careful not to loosen the paper cutouts. Wipe dry. Rub off the marker from the front of the plate with a paper towel.

BACKGROUND

Trace the shape of the plate on to the back of the plain gift wrap, adding an extra ½" all around to allow for the sloping sides of the plate. Spread glue evenly on the back of the plate. Attach the gift wrap to the center, face down, then slit the sides from the edge in to the center to glue flat. Rub, using a brayer (if you have one) or a rolling pin. Trim off any excess paper. Let dry.

Paint the plate back gold. When dry, give the back 2 or 3 coats of Mod-Podge.

To clean the plate after use, just wipe with a damp cloth.

NOTE: This has been done very effectively with Hanukkah, anniversary and birthday gift wrap.

* Once you have mastered the technique, you may use a bowl or any other shape glass dish.

** Or, if desired, simply spray paint the back of the plate. Metallic sprays are extremely effective.