

Decoupage Handbell Ornaments Craft Instructions

Create two unique ornaments to commemorate the 70th anniversary of HMA and a well-known quote by master handbell conductor the late David Davidson.

Here are instructions for creating a double-sided ornament featuring the original AGEHR logo and the 70th-anniversary graphic, inspired by the commemorative coin for National Seminar 2024.

We also have an ornament with a graphic of master handbell conductor David Davidson's quote: "Music has the ability to change the molecules in the room."

Materials



Wooden discs: Shaped like Christmas ornaments, available at Jo-Ann Fabrics or similar craft stores.
Paint: Metallic silver and gold acrylic paints.

Mod Podge: For adhering and sealing.

Graphics: Use the provided PDF prints.

Printing Tip: Get laser prints from a copy shop (e.g., Staples). If using an inkjet printer, let the prints dry completely and spray them with an acrylic fixative before applying Mod Podge.

Optional: If your wooden discs don't have a pre-drilled hole or embellishments, you can adjust the graphic size and drill a hole wherever needed. For resizing, search online for formulas like "How to scale a 2.5-inch graphic to 3 inches."

Step 1: Paint the Discs



Paint the wooden discs with metallic acrylic paints:

Silver for the 70th-anniversary ornaments (symbolizing platinum).
Gold for the Davidson quote ornaments (matching the handbell color).

Apply 2-3 coats to achieve even coverage and prevent the paint from soaking into the wood. Allow each coat to dry before applying the next.

Step 2: Apply the Graphics



Brush a thin, even layer of Mod Podge onto the painted disc.
Carefully place your printed graphic on top, aligning it as desired.
Press down gently to ensure the graphic adheres without air bubbles.
Allow the Mod Podge layer to dry completely before moving to the next step.

Step 3: Seal with Mod Podge



Once dry, apply a top coat of Mod Podge over the entire disc and graphic. Let it dry thoroughly.

For added durability and shine, consider applying an additional coat.

Enjoy your custom-made handbell ornaments! Perfect for celebrating this milestone and sharing your love of music.

