

Make Comic Book Coasters

If you are looking for unique crafts for the nerds in your life, these DIY comic book coasters are perfect.

Skills Required: Beginner. This is a perfect craft if you're just getting started with decoupage. You'll need to be observant of wrinkles so just work slowly.

You will need:

- Wood coasters
- School glue
- Engine Enamel (optional)
- Comic books
- Foam brush
- Water
- Scissors



Instructions

1. Decide on the images you want on your coasters. You can make a template for this by tracing around your coaster on a plain piece of paper, then cutting out and removing the coaster shape from the middle. You can use this template to see exactly what image will show on your coaster before you cut it out. Or, you can skip this step and trace directly around your coaster onto the comic book page.
2. Trace (either using your template or the coaster itself) the image you want to use from your comic book and cut them out.
3. Some people like to dampen the images before attaching them. This reduces the bubbles and wrinkles that can plague beginner decoupage attempts.

NOTE: This method will NOT work with images printed on an inkjet printer as the ink will run. You should always test a little section of the paper to make sure it will hold up. Fill a container with water and drop the image in to soak a little while you prepare the decoupage medium.



4. Make your decoupage medium. You can buy them pre-made, like the brand name Mod Podge, but it is easier and cheaper to make it yourself! Mix equal parts school glue and water together, stirring well. You won't need much of it for this project, so start with just a little bit. You can always make more! If you find you have made too much, you can store it for later use in any air-tight container, like a mason jar or Tupperware.
5. Pull your image out of the water, and run your fingers along either side of it to remove any excess water.
6. Using your foam brush, add a thin coat of decoupage medium to the top of the coaster, then place the comic book image on top. Smooth out any air bubbles carefully, being sure not to tear the comic book paper. Wipe away any excess decoupage medium that comes out the sides and let dry.
7. After about 20 minutes, top coat your comic book coasters with a layer of decoupage medium and let dry.



Optional: as a final sealer, use clear spray Engine Enamel. This product keeps your coasters from getting stuck to a very hot mug. It also protects your coasters from water.

8. Repeat this process for your second coaster.

And you now have finished comic book coasters to give as a gift or keep for yourself!