PAPIER-MÂCHÉ

A step-by-step guide to creating more than a dozen adorable projects!
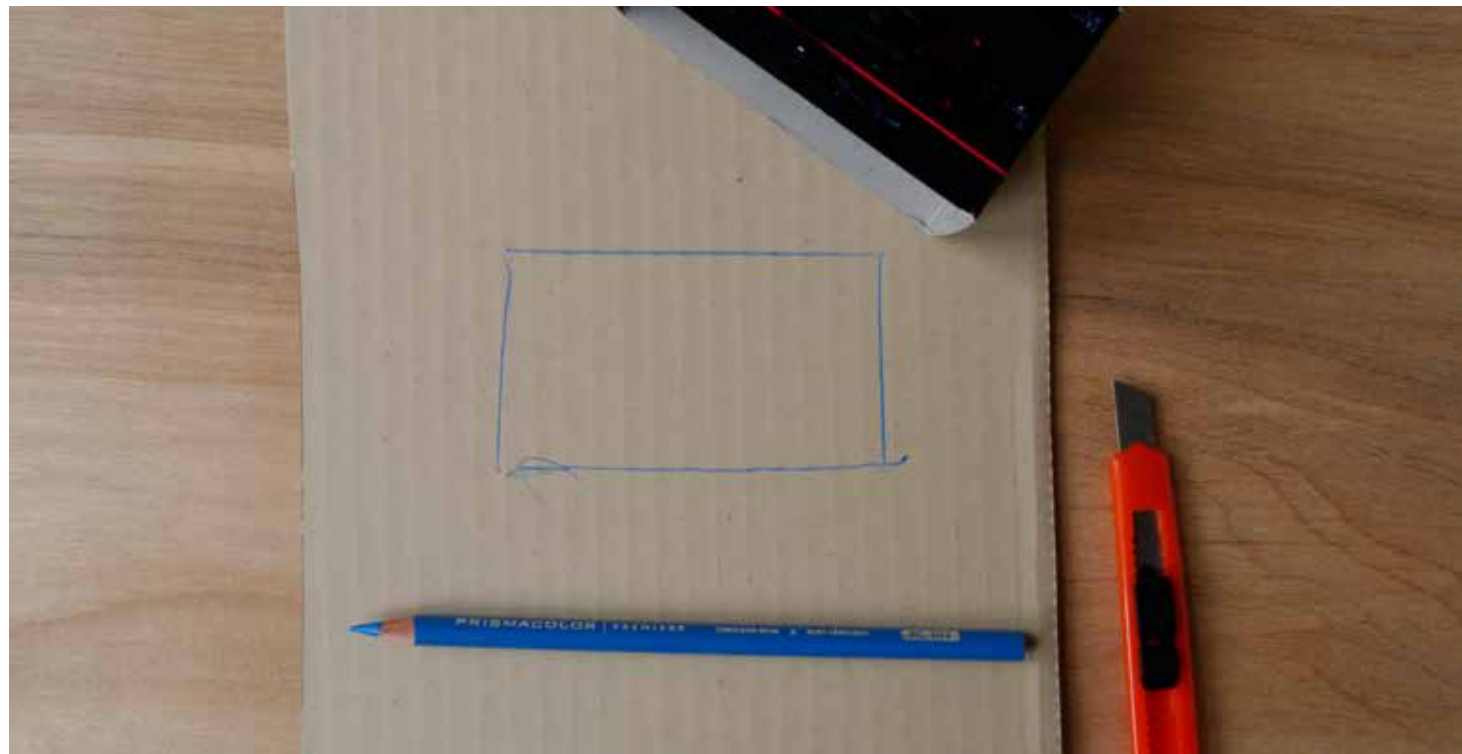
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Wall Pocket Pal

Need cute storage? Whip up this sweet wall pocket! It's perfect for keeping business cards at the ready or storing all the bits and bobs that you collect on nature walks.

TOOLS & MATERIALS

- Small box or box lid (such as the lid from a box of markers)
- Corrugated cardboard
- Craft knife
- Hot-glue gun
- Wire and wire cutter
- Masking tape

- Paper (brown paper bags)
- Paste
- Sandpaper
- Acrylic paint and paint pens
- Sealer

STEP 1

Trace the back of your small box onto a piece of cardboard. Reserve the box for step 3.

STEP 2

Draw your animal pal using the shape you just traced; then cut it out with a craft knife. You can make this as simple or as detailed as you wish. I like to add legs!

STEP 3

Use a hot-glue gun to glue the box to the cardboard shape you just cut out. Use a hot-glue gun to glue the box (open side up) to the cardboard shape you just cut out.

STEP 4

Make a hook by cutting a piece of wire and shaping it as shown in the photo. Hot glue the two prongs to the upper-back area of the cardboard.

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STEP 5

Cover the entire animal shape with masking tape, including inside the box. Add a little extra tape to the glued part of the hook on the back; you need it to be strong.

STEP 7

Lightly sand any sharp bits.

STEP 6

Use two layers of material from a brown paper bag to papier-mâché the entire shape. Let it dry completely.

STEP 8

Gesso your animal, and let it dry.

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Paint larger areas with acrylic.

STEP 10

Add details with acrylic paint pens. Seal and let dry.

STEP 11

Hang your pal and let it store things in the cutest possible way!

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