

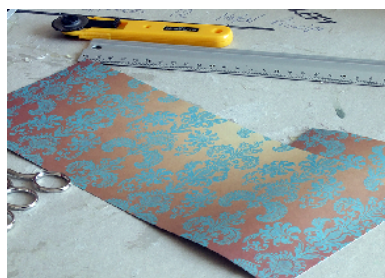


Carton Tube Upcycled

Here follows the tutorial to turn a humble biscuit/cookie container into a pretty gift wrap. It would be equally useful as a small storage container, perhaps for crochet hooks or similar.

Materials needed:

- A carton container for biscuits/cookies. Obviously any container will do. The measurements of the one I used are length 19 cms, diameter 7 cms.
- Acrylic paint in the colour of your choice. Choose a colour that will give good coverage.
- Scraps of printed paper – nothing too flimsy. The one I have used is a scrapbook designer print and weighs about 120 gms x m². Check that you have enough paper to wrap all around the circumference of your tube,
- Narrow satin ribbon, yet again make sure you have enough to go twice around the tube. Approximately 50 cms should be sufficient if your tube is similar to mine.
- Vinavil/white all purpose glue diluted, 1 part glue, 2 parts water



Tools required:

- Brushes for paint and glue
- Scissors and cutter (knife or rotary)
- Cutting surface
- Ruler, pencil and a tape measure
- Masking tape (useful for masking off areas you don't wish to paint)
- Soft rag or kitchen paper



Method:

- Mask off the areas of the carton which do not require paint. You can see that I left a lower section of my tube unpainted so I ran the masking tape around horizontally at the top and at the bottom of the section.
- Paint your tube taking care to cover wording and images with several coats of paint if necessary. Acrylic paint is fast drying so try to keep your brush strokes going all in the same direction.
- When you are certain that the paint is dry, carefully peel off the masking tape. It might help to use a hair dryer or heat gun to warm up the tape a little at a time as you peel.
- Now measure the height of the area you will be covering with the patterned paper. Use the tape measure to check the circumference of the tube and then cut a strip of your patterned paper to fit allowing for a small overlap around the circumference.
- Brush glue around the tube in the area to be covered with paper.
- Carefully attach the paper around the tube, only applying pressure when you are sure that the positioning is correct.
- Use your soft rag or kitchen paper to gently squeeze out air bubbles from under the paper, starting always from the centre and rubbing outwards. Keep a small paint brush with a small amount of glue handy just in case there are edges which still need attaching.
- Cut your ribbon in 2
- Brush a light layer of glue, about the width of the ribbon, horizontally all around the join line between the painted and papered sections of your tube.

- Starting at the point where the paper join is visible, attach the ribbon, pressing gently, all around the tube, snipping off any excess at the end. Use a touch of glue to secure the end of the ribbon at the small overlap at the end.
- Repeat for the second length of ribbon.
- Stipple paint the removable lid (and base) of your container. Remove the lid to do this so that you can leave the tube upturned whilst it dries.
- I have added a simple paper decoration to my lid, but this is optional of course.

So there you go – your container is now ready to use as you prefer!