

Winter House with napkin technique

Instructions No. 4071

Difficulty: Beginner 🍴🍴🍴🍴

Working time: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

With a **wooden shelf shaped like a house**, you can create an **atmospheric winter decoration** for your windowsill or sideboard. The "napkin technique" neatly features nostalgic motifs on the back panel and instantly creates a cozy scene. Embossed details and a touch of decorative snow create a subtle 3D effect that brings this little diorama to life. This makes it a personal highlight—perfect as a gift or to keep for yourself.



Here's how to create the winter landscape:

1. Prepare the design from the "napkin"

Unfold the "napkin" completely and lay it flat in front of you. Place the wooden house on the "napkin" and trace

the outline of the back wall with a pencil. This will ensure the winter motif fits perfectly on your shelf later. Cut out the “ napkin ” along the line, then carefully separate only the top, printed layer. This thin layer is the one you’ll need for the “ napkin technique .”

2. Apply “ napkin technique ” to the back panel

Apply a thin coat of napkin varnish. to the inner back panel. The varnish acts as both an adhesive and a protective layer. Place the printed napkin layer onto the still-damp surface and gently smooth it out from the center toward the edges to minimize wrinkles. Then brush a second, very thin layer of “ napkin varnish ” over it.

3. Enhance figures with embossing foil for a 3-D effect

For small highlights, you can prepare individual motifs a second time: Additionally, glue selected figures or details from the napkin onto silver embossing foil. Once dry, cut them out with fine-tipped scissors—tweezers scissors are ideal for this because they allow you to cut very precisely around edges and small shapes. Place the cut-out pieces face down on a special mat and run embossing tools over the back. The embossing causes the motif to curve slightly, creating a subtle 3-D effect that makes your winter scene look more lifelike.

4. Assembling the Winter Landscape Indoors

Cut a “ polystyrene egg ” in half down the middle using a standard utility knife. If desired, you can split the pieces again. Glue the pieces into the house as small “snow mounds” and let the glue set briefly so nothing shifts during the next step. Then sprinkle the floor and the polystyrene with decorative snow. This creates the typical, soft winter look that perfectly complements the napkin technique .

5. Place and Secure the Figures

Now place your die-cut or embossed figures into the still-wet decorative snow. You can either press them directly into the snow or secure them additionally with “ handicraft glue ” on the back wall or on the “ napkin ”—depending on whether you want more depth or a flat scene. Make sure to leave some space between the foreground and background so that the mini-landscape looks three-dimensional. Then let everything dry completely.

6. Finishing Touches: Accent the Edges with Color

If you’d like, you can paint the edge of the house with “ handicraft paint .” A muted, wintry color highlights the shape of the house and makes the motif inside stand out even more. Use a small amount of paint and apply it in two thin coats—this will keep the edges even.

Your finished winter decorative house

After a few creative hours, you’ll have a decorative wooden shelf in a house design featuring wintry “ napkin technique,” textured decorative snow and delicate 3-D details. If you’re interested in more designs, embossing foils, or accessories for your next winter decoration project, check out our online shop and put together a selection of materials that match your style.

Must Have



VBS Wooden shelf "House", Large

Content: 2 pieces

Length: 18.5 cm

Width: 8.5 cm

Height: 22.5 cm

Material: Plywood

● **10,99 €**

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Article number	Article name	Qty
29937	VBS Wooden shelf "House"Large	1
30365	Napkin "Winter nostalgia"	1
563178-02	Stamping foil, 3 piecesSilver/Silver	1
120272	VBS Napkin & Decoupage brush, set of 3	1
132503	VBS Embossing pens, set of 2	1
130479	VBS Special mat	1
27568	VBS Handicraft glue20 ml	1
521932	Tweezer Scissors	1
600071	Polystyrene egg, 10 x 7,5 cm	1
21904	VBS Scissors "Soft-Grip", set of 2	1
131056	VBS Plastic spatula, 5 parts	1
27869	VBS Decorative snow100 ml	1
692618	VBS Miniature fir tree, set of 16, snowed	1
27467	VBS Craft paint, 50 mlAntique Blue	1
12052402	VBS Flat brush "BASIC", set of 6	1