

TECHNIQUE #1 - PEELED PAPER

Requirements:

- 4 or 5 papers in various text types. e.g. dictionary pages, foreign text, crosswords, music, technical etc.,
- glue stick
- 7.5" x 5.5 inches of cardstock or chipboard (this will make one large card background or 4 ATCs)
- Distress inks in three complementary colours (I used Spiced Marmalade, Shabby Shutters and Marigold)
- Sponge
- Masking Tape
- Bone Folder
- Paper Towels
- Water spray bottle (not a fine mister)
- Images and embellishments to finish your ATC
- Scissors/Trimmer

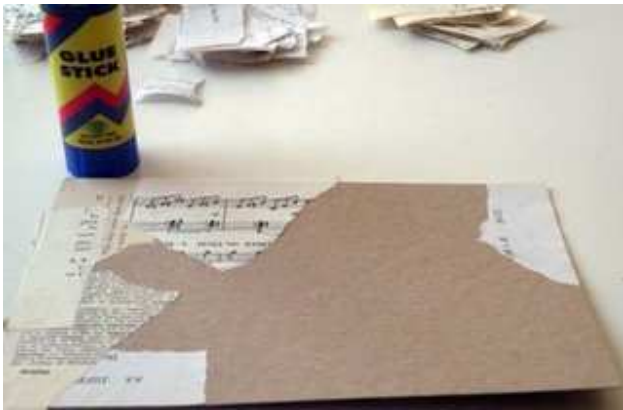


1. Choose a nice mix of papers



2. Take your papers and tear them into strips and squares..... random shapes you don't want them all the same.

Place each page in its own little pile.. Don't mix them up.



3. Take your Glue stick and begin gluing the papers down. Keep the straight edges to the outside edges of your cardstock. All edges to the 'inner' should be torn. Overlap as you work and use different texts beside each other - try not to have two the same close together.

Turn the papers so that they don't all run the same way - have them upside down, sideways etc.,

4. Keep working around the board till you have done all the outside edges. If you find that you are forgetting to turn and twist the papers, give the board a turn to the right before you place each piece down, that way they will all be mixed up at the end



5. When you have completely done the outside fill in the centre... no straight edges at all now, they should be all torn edges. Once you have covered the whole cardstock, add a second layer in parts for extra depth.

Check that you have no large areas of the one text - if so place a smaller different one over it to break it up.

6. Take your masking tape and tear it into strips. Place this on your papers and burnish down firmly with a bone folder. (I have used the green painters tape here only for photographic purposes - you need proper masking tape)





7. Pull the tape up firmly and sharply tearing some of the text with it

8. Now take your distress ink pads and sponge and randomly sponge the colour across the surface



9. When you are satisfied with the colour - take your water bottle and spritz ... not too wet or it will lift the glue. Leave it sit for a few minutes and then blot off with paper towel exposing the paper and giving it a mottled look.

10. Leave the paper to dry and then trim 1/4" off each edge giving you size of 7" x 5". Now trim down to four ATCs of 3.5" x 2.5". At this stage you can stamp them with rubber stamps and/or emboss them using embossing powders.... both look terrific

Optional: at this point you can spray with Mica Sprays if desired.

