

## Heart Shaped Box



Turn an ordinary cardboard box into storage for love letters and keepsakes, or a lovely gift box.

### Materials Needed:

- Heart shaped paper mache box
- Acrylic primer
- Acrylic paint in a darker shade than the Unryu paper
- Paint brushes
- Scissors or craft knife
- Decoupage medium
- Soft pencil
- 1 sheet Thai Unryu paper
- 1 sheet Japanese Ogura Lace paper

Base coat the box with white primer, then paint with acrylic paint, lightly sanding in between coats. Tear Unryu paper into 3" pieces, getting rid of any cut edges. Coat the inside of the box with decoupage medium as needed. Press Unryu pieces into place, slightly overlapping the torn edges, using a moistened stiff bristle brush. Work up and over sides, finishing with the underside. Following the same procedure, do the lid, starting with the outside of the lid and finishing with the inside. If necessary, make short cuts to ease the wraps to the inside. Allow the box to dry.

Trace pattern of heart shape lid on Ogura Lace and cut out. Cut a long strip of Ogura Lace for contrasting strip around the box, allowing 1/8" for overlapping at the back. Decoupage the heart shape into place and apply the strip around the outside. When dry, coat box with 2 or 3 coats of decoupage medium or sealer. At this point, this box really needs one more color to make it sing. Look at it and decide what found objects or other touches you can add to make it personal.