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New England Hearth
by Becky Durdak

Materials

Krylon® Sandable Primer Gray (#1318)

Krylon® Make it Crackle!® Base Coat-24 Karat (#8272)

Krylon® Make it Crackle® Top Coat Marshmallow (#8277)

Krylon® Matte Finish (#1311)

Large flat piece of wood or particle board (24" x 30")

Small wooden block (2" wide by 6" long)

Small brass hinge

Picture molding (sized to fit around picture)

Small nails Picture from a large gift bag was used (any other picture or fabric will work, too)

White craft glue (or Decoupage glue)

Rope or twine (optional)

Scrap wood to create a design (optional)

General Supplies

1 paintbrush

Scroll saw

Screwdriver

Medium grit sandpaper

Disposable cloth (an old sock works fine)

Instructions

1. Cut the large flat piece of wood to the size that best fits your fireplace. One end should curve in a half moon shape and the other end should be flat.
2. Cut out any shapes or designs from the scrap wood. (Shown: an anchor design)
3. Sand edges and surfaces of all wood pieces well. If your wood is very porous, prime with Krylon Sandable Primer.
4. Spray the large flat screen board, the small wooden block and cut out wood designs with Gold Crackle. Be sure to get a very smooth, solid coat of base coat. Top coat will not crackle properly unless there is enough base coat on your project.
5. Let base coat dry about 30 minutes. While the base paint is drying, cut out your picture or pattern.

6. Apply several smooth, even coats of White Crackle Top Coat. Let dry about 30 - 45 minutes. *Please Note: The size of the crackle varies with amount of paint sprayed. Screen shown here used about 4 to 5 coats to achieve a very large crackle. See package for detailed instructions.
7. Spray a light coat of Matte Finish to protect the surface.
8. Using the paintbrush, coat the back of the picture lightly with glue and apply to screen (TIP: practice placement first before you apply the glue). Let dry while constantly watching and rubbing the edges to keep them flat.
9. Measure molding to fit around the edge of the picture and cut. Stain molding with white paint by spraying a light coat onto surface and wiping gently with cloth. Allow to dry. Nail molding around picture.
10. If using, nail wooden shape onto the surface of screen.
11. To allow screen to stand, screw one side of the hinge to the wooden block. Stand screen up and align the hinge and block so that the block lines up in the back to create a "T". Screw the other side of hinge to the screen.
12. Tack the rope or twine to the outside edge of screen with small nails.

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