**Repurpose a Plate as a Personalized Piece of Art**

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**Supply List**

Plate
Regular Copy Paper
Photo Editing Software
--OR--
8x10 Matte Photo and protractor
Decoupage
Paints, Inks, Misc. Embellishments
Circle Cutter or Scissors

Ruler

1. Measure the circumference of the inside of your plate.

2. Then open the photo of your choice in your photo editing software and crop it in the appropriate size and shape to fit on the inside of your plate.

3. Print out your photo and trim the photo so that it fits perfectly on the flat surface of your plate. (**NOTE**: If you are printing your own photo, I would suggest using copy paper instead of photo paper, so that the printed image will saturate the paper instead of sitting on top (as it does with photo paper). This makes the image and ink less transferable. Or you can have your photo printed in the appropriate size by your local photo processor and then crop the photo yourself using a circle cutter or protractor and scissors.)

4. Wait for the photo to dry COMPLETELY before applying any decoupage…otherwise you will simply be smearing your printer ink around on a plate! Once your printed image is dry, apply a thin layer of decoupage to the surface area of the plate and starting in the center, begin laying applying your photo. To the surface of the plate. Flatten the image onto the plate working the bubbles and wrinkles from the middle out to the edges.

5.When your photo is flat, you can begin applying a top coat of decoupage taking care to make nice light, even strokes for the best finish possible. You may choose to apply a second coat for a more polished finish.

6.Once the decoupage has dried completely you can add some personal touches to the rim of your plate (i.e. embellishments, glaze, glitter, etc.).

7. Now you’re ready to hang your plate or display it for everyone to see!