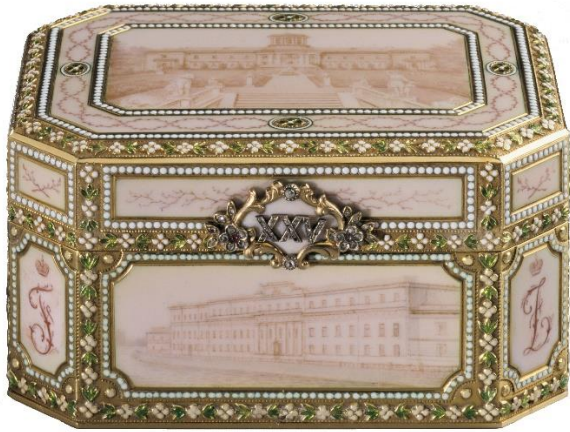


Art Project: Decorate a Fabergé-style Box



Music Box
Firm of Fabergé, jeweler (Russian, 1842-1917)
Henrik Wigström, workmaster (Finnish active in Russia, 1862-1923)
St. Petersburg, 1907
Gold, enamel, diamonds, pearls, rubies (17.80)

Two Russian princes gave this box as an anniversary gift to their parents. The box is decorated with pictures of the family's palaces. Craftsmen at the firm of Fabergé, jeweler to the Russian imperial family, painted six delicate images of the palaces in enamel—a hard, glassy substance—and bordered those images in pearls.

To create your own decorated box, think about a place that is important to you and your family. It might be your home, a park, school, or other special place. Now take inspiration from this box to create your own design, celebrating a place that is important to you.

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Materials:



- Cardboard box
- Decorative paper
- Plain white paper
- Scissors
- Pencil, markers, or colored pencils
- Glue stick
- Embellishments (stickers, rhinestones, ribbon, washi tape, etc.)

Steps:



1. Trace the box lid and sides on the back of the decorative paper.



2. Cut the paper along the traced lines and glue to the top and sides of the box.



3. Draw a picture of a place that is important to you and glue it to the top of the box. If you prefer, instead of drawing a picture, you can cut one out of a magazine, use stickers, or a photo.



4. Make borders around the picture and decorate the box with embellishments such as stickers, ribbon, and rhinestones.

Scrapbooking supplies are a great source for fancy stickers. Search for metallic sticker borders.

If you are inspired, and can think of more places that are special to you, create additional drawings for the other sides of the box, just like Fabergé did!



5. Enjoy your finished box! You can give it as a gift like the original owners of the Fabergé box did, put it on display, or use it to store your treasured objects.

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