



## Travel Journal Memories Decoupage

*Vacation memories can fade if they're tossed in a box! Inspire youth with the colors and images that surround Club Med! Design personal travel journal covers so youth can record their adventures inside!*

### Group


*Adult projects - 14+*

### Materials Needed

Colored Pencils Classpack™ Assortment  
decorative papers  
Glitter Glue  
index cards  
journal  
Paint Brushes  
Scissors  
School Glue  
Squeezables™ 3-D Paint  
water containers

### Safety Guidelines

**Age recommendation for this craft:** 14 years and older

- Safety guidelines recommend this art project as suitable for children ages 6 years and older.
- Adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.
- **ATTENTION:** The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.
- Glitter Glue and Squeezables™:  **WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD—** Small parts. Not for children younger than 3 years. Not intended for use as face/skin paint.



### Prepare the Room

1. Display pictures of resort features and local areas of interest, as well as native crafts and decoupage examples.
2. Prepare and display a decorated travel journal. Use images and objects that reflect the culture or physical features of your location.
3. Set out art materials for youth to help themselves.

### Set the Scene 8 to 10 minutes

- Gather in a comfortable area. Invite guests to write a message on an index card that could be put in a bottle describing an experience from their vacation. Maybe they tried a new food or braved the circus trapeze school! Collect all the index cards in a container such as a hat. Each guest takes a card. Share the messages aloud! Were any of the experiences the same? Save the cards for later!
- Share books and pictures from the display as well as the sample travel journal. Discuss design techniques and the art of decoupage.

### Art Directions 30 to 40 minutes

1. Each guest chooses a piece of decorative paper as a base for the journal cover. Discuss cover ideas that capture memories of the Club Med vacation. Guests might suggest a title, doodles, photos, or paper cutouts. Cut decorative papers into letters, shapes, and symbols. Demonstrate how to fold papers to create a 3-D effect.
2. Lay the selected paper face up on a flat surface. Identify areas of design from the paper to use in the collage then carefully cut them out. Set them aside until you have enough sections cut out to cover the front & back covers.
3. Coat the open journal cover with glue using a brush. Place the cut out paper designs on the journal covers. Allow enough flexibility for opening and closing the journal without tearing the paper.
4. Fold the excess edges of the paper over the journal cover and glue in place. Coat the inside covers with glue and attach the first page front & back to finish off. Turn the journal back over and brush on a top coat of glue
5. Add embellishments with Squeezables™ 3-D Paints and Glitter Glue. Air-dry.



### **After the Project 8 to 10 minutes**

- Display the finished journals in a space that can be seen by all. Look at each cover design. Can guests find which journal was made by the author of the message they received? Place cards next to the journal that seems to match. Check for accuracy.

### **Movement & Music**

Play recordings while guests decorate their journals or after they finish for movement, dancing, and/or singing.

#### ***Mexico***

- *Fiesta Latina: Mexican Dance Fiesta* from Columbia River Entertainment
- *Mariachi From Mexico* by Mariachi Lopez Varanga & Los Lobos

### **Variations by Destination**

#### ***Ixtapa, Mexico***

Youth and their families may explore these nearby destinations and incorporate memories from them in their journals.

- El Faro (lighthouse) and La Piedra Solitaria (a rock island)
- Petalan, a colonial farming and ranching town with an open-air gold market and historic church as well as archaeological ruins
- La Barra de Potosi, a fishing village that features a mangrove (tropical marine trees with roots that form landmass) estuary (water passage where sea meets river) and lagoon. It is an excellent place for watching white pelicans, herons, and spoonbills.
- Coconut plantations



### Books to Keep Youth Reading

Build on ideas youth explore through art by making books like these available.

*Colors of Mexico* by Lynn Ainsworth Olawsky & Janice Lee Porter

*El Pinatero (The Piñata Maker)* by George Ancona

*My Diary From Here to There/Mi diario de aqui hasta alla* by Amada Irma Perez and Maya Christina Gonzalez

*Secrets of Ancient Cultures: The Maya—Activities and Crafts From a Mysterious Land* by Arlette Braman

*The Tree Is Older Than You Are: A Bilingual Gathering of Poems & Stories From Mexico* by Naomi Shihab Nye

*125 Papercraft Projects: Step-by-Step Papier Mache, Decoupage, Paper Cutting, Collage, Decorative Effects, and Paper Construction* by Lucy Painter

### Graphics

Find local maps at <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/atlas>

### Project Upgrades

- Offer larger, thicker journals and an array of decorative craft items with which to embellish them.



### Fun Facts About Crayola Colors

The octopus is a brown animal, but when frightened it changes color to green or blue. In Feng Shui, aquamarine is interpreted as "heaven's laughter." The color blue causes the brain to secrete calming hormones, which is why it is a good color for the ceiling of a dentist's office.

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