
Washi Tape Decor with Amber of Damask Love

Chapter 1 - Washi Tape Decor

Overview

(lively upbeat music) - Hey there, everyone, this is Amber from Damask Love. And today we are talking all things washi. You're going to love how easy and versatile these projects are for your dorm room, for your home. I'm bringing you this huge selection of Scotch brand expressions washi tape, and you're gonna love these projects because they're easy and they're gonna make your home beautiful.

Materials

- In this class, we're gonna be making a trio of projects. For all three projects, we're gonna be using Scotch Expressions Washi Tape. You're also gonna need a plain frame, craft paint, freezer paper, a cutting mat, a clock base, a foam brush, a craft knife, a clock movement kit, and you'll also need a straight edge or a ruler.

Washi clock

- Before we dive into our pile of washy to make the clock, the first thing you'll want to is grab the clock base and paint the edge. Now, you don't have to do this but I think it looks cute to have kind of a pop of color. So I'm choosing this lavender color because apparently lavender is the new hot color this year. Millennial pink is done, it's lavender now. And add some paint with a foam brush. Don't worry too much if you get a little bit of paint on the front of the clock because remember we're going to decorate that whole front with our washy. That goes really quickly and honestly, by the time you finish painting it's already started drying on the other side. Okay. Go ahead and let it dry completely all the way around and once that's done we're ready to add the washy top. Now here's the fun part because this is where you get to pick from all of those awesome Scotch Expressions washy tape. There's so many to pick from and it's a little tough, but trust me, you can do it. I've already selected my color pallet her and I wanted something that kind of goes with that color that I picked on the edge. I'm trying to make this sound fancy, it's not, it's so easy. I'm gonna lay out each strip starting at the edge. And just kind of rub it in place with my finger and then tear off the bottom. The great thing about this is you can rip it with your finger, it's very very easy to do. And then keep going with each one that you've selected. The only kind of strategy here is you do want to get those tapes right up next to each other so that you don't have too much space in between. So take a minute to carefully place each strip next to the one from before. And then you're gonna keep moving your way across. One thing I love about the Scotch Expression washies is that it's a little tackier than your typical washy so when I put it down on this unfinished wood, it still sticks but it is removable, as well. So it doesn't lift, which I really like. 'Cause sometimes with other brands you get lifting and then your project doesn't stay together as well. I love how these colors go together. This one is my favorite, or one of my favorites, I can't pick one. But this holographic color is so pretty. One of the ways you can ensure that you get a straight line each time is pull your tape out and then hold it taut and that will help you get a straight line. And of course, hold it up just next to the previous strip of tape and you should have a pretty straight line. Once you've cycled through your selection of tapes, you can go ahead and start right over again. One of the reasons washy is so great for this project is because I don't have to fuss around with strips of paper and glue

to get the same effect. With the washy I can get texture and pattern and depth just by putting down tape. We ended with the same tape that we started with. Symmetry. Makes me so happy. Now we have covered the entire clock face with that pretty washy. I love the way these colors look together. Now, obviously there's all this stuff hanging off the edge and we've got to get rid of that. Well it's really easy to do. First I'm gonna give you a trick on how to keep that washy in place. I have a gift card in my back pocket, literally, and I'm going to use it to just smooth down everything into place. This way I know everything's stuck down nicely. And my whole surface is smooth. No fancy tools, just a credit card. Now with everything in place I'm gonna flip it over and grab my craft knife or utility knife. I'm just gonna take my utility knife and gently, you don't need a lot of pressure because the tape is pretty thin. And just drag it along the edge to cut off the excess. Use the edge of the clock kind of as a guide and turn and cut. Alright, we're coming around the last bit of tape. Are you ready to see what it looks like once all that trimming is done? So perfect. Oh my gosh. I'm kind of impressed with myself, I'm not gonna lie. Alright so we're all done here and really our clock is finished. The only thing we want to do is create a little hole in the center because that's where the clock hardware is going to go. So I'm just going to use the utility knife and make kind of an X right in the center. And then poke it in ward. That's all, nothing fancy. Honestly this part you're not even gonna see once the hardware is in place, but I do want a place for it to be able to insert. I'm all done, I just installed the hardware on my clock, I just followed the package instructions which is what you'll want to do in case yours is a different type of hardware than mine. So now that it's done your ready to hang it up on the wall, but I do have one more tip because I think you're great, what if you put little glittery number stickers on your clock? You can go full modernism and minimalist and leave it just like this, or you could add sticker numbers onto it. It's totally up to you, either way you're going to love it, you're gonna hang it on your wall, and you're gonna brag to everyone about the washy clock that you made.

Washi frame

- It's time to make our frame and you're gonna how easy this is. But let me tell you the mitering that we're gonna do is so satisfying and amazing and simple. To start off I have four different washi tapes. And this is a great time to play with the different widths of washi that are available. So I'm going to just kinda hold them together in a stack and make sure that they fit the width of my frame. Depending on your frame, you may be able to use a ton more washi, which is always a good thing. Alright, to start, I'm going to bring my washi off the roll. And using the frame in the center as a guide, lay the first piece straight across. And then do the same thing on the bottom. You'll wanna have a little extra hanging off on the ends and I'll show you why as soon as we get to the mitering. Place each tape right next to the first, being straight as you possibly can. That's important on this one because the mitering will matter. The mitering will be more perfect if you get these just next to each other. If you have any mess-ups, just lift it up gently and place it back down. Alright, I've got the top and the bottom done. And so the next thing I'm gonna do is do the side. The one thing to keep in mind is you wanna go in the same order. So because I started with that diagonal stripe on the top and bottom, I'm gonna start with the same diagonal strip on the side and continue going in the same order of designs. We've got the last piece of tape in place and now we're going to miter the corners. Let me show you how it's done. It's really, really easy. I'm gonna go from the inside corner of the frame to the outside corner of the frame and that's what I'm gonna use as a guide to line up my straight edge or my ruler. You wanna get as precise as you can with this. So take your time to line those up. Once you've got it lined up from corner to corner, use your craft knife or utility

knife and gently, gently score along the edge of the straight edge. You don't need to use a lot of pressure here. You don't want to damage your frame. Just use enough pressure to slice through the washi. Then I'm gonna repeat on all four sides. Alright, I've done all the scoring. You can't see anything but I promise you it's there. And now I'm gonna start removing the tape. Start with the top layer and you'll see that it starts coming off very easily. And then you're gonna do that for all four corners, is remove that top layer. Okay, now, this second layer is a little trickier because it's wedged kind of underneath the washi but that's okay. The great thing about the Expressions Washi is that it's tacky but not so tacky that you can't remove it and then put it back in place. So I'm going to start by lifting up underneath. You wanna be gentle here. And taking away the washi that's underneath. Just be gentle so you don't tear anything. But you'll see that it comes away and you'll start lifting them up but that's fine. As you lift all those layers, we'll be able to put them right back where they came from. And now once you've gotten all the pieces gone, just rub those back into place. And you can see, you have a perfect mitered corner. I love it. Alright, I'm gonna keep going. I'm not gonna lie, I'm having to control myself right now because this is so much fun and so satisfying. When you get those perfect mitered corners, you are going to wonder what were you doing with your whole life. You're gonna wanna make a ton of these. So now all you have to do is put your favorite photo inside. I've got a photo of my family. If you'd like a photo of family, send me an email. And I can use a little piece of washi to put the photo in place. And there it is, beautiful and perfect and handmade using Scotch Expressions Washi. It's so easy and so satisfying. I think you're gonna wanna washi every frame in your house.

Washi planner

- It's time to craft some more with Washi. And for this project I am going full planner girl because recently I have fallen in love with planning and now I'm gonna make you fall in love with planning too. I'm gonna be using Washi to create my own custom Washi stickers that I can carry around in my planner. Washi's great, but you may not wanna carry 20 rolls of it in your purse. So this is a way that you can travel with your favorite Washi without the bulk. So we're gonna use all of these for the planner, and first thing I'm gonna do is just take off the Washi and place it onto this piece of freezer paper. Now a little lesson on freezer paper. When you take it off the roll, it's gonna have jagged edges, I just squared mine off, and freezer paper has one side that's like paper and the other side is like wax paper. It's like parchment plus wax paper, mashed together. I'm gonna take the waxed paper side, it has the kind of a sheen to it, and lay down some strips of Washi. You don't have to be precise about it. You don't have to be neat. Just pick your favorite Washies and lay 'em down. I think I'll do two strips of each pattern. I gotta say, these look good together! And then here comes the snack queen. Everyone picked pretty ones and then I picked food. I'm gonna leave it there. I have a little more room, but I don't want it to go off the edge. So we're all done laying down the strips of Washi. Here's the next thing I'm gonna do. I have my planner here with me and I've already measured across the grid in my planner, and these squares are an inch and a half wide. So that's how wide I want my sticker sheets to be. Using the lines on my self-peeling mat, I'm going to cut strips that are an inch and a half wide. I'll first trim off the edge, that kind of excess Washi, with a straightedge and my craft knife. And now I'm gonna cut strips that are an inch and a half across. If you have a paper trimmer, you could absolutely use that as well. My sticker sheets are all done and ready for my planner. The cool thing about using freezer paper is because we put the Washi on that waxed side. It's still removable. It's like a sticker sheet. So I can peel off my favorite Washi off of the waxed side, stick it in my planner, and it's perfectly sized for whatever planner you have. Now if

you're in school and watching this project, you may wanna find your favorite Scotch Brand Expressions Washi Tape and select a pattern for each subject. So maybe you wanna use the elephants for biology, you can use the pizza Washi for your pizza class! I don't know what classes you take, but you can have a lot of fun with all of the patterns that are available and make your planner personalized for you. I hope you love this project as much as I do. I make sure to carry a few of these Washi strips around with me in my planner, no matter where I am.