
Map Wine Wrap with Megumi Inouye

Chapter 1 - Introduction

Overview

- I'm really drawn to maps. For me they represent a journey and so whenever I travel, I always save them and keep them with me. When I had a friend who had a birthday party in Napa Valley, I took my map of Napa Valley and wrapped a wine bottle with it as a gift and it looked so beautiful and I loved the look of it and I've been wrapping with maps ever since.

Chapter 2 - The Wrap

Materials

- What you need of course is a map to get started, you'll need a wine bottle, this one is empty but I'm sure you'll have a nice bottle of wine ready. You'll need double stick tape, you're going to need a glue stick. You'll need stamp pads to stamp your message or you could use a sharpie, so one or the other. A pencil for marking your map, a pair of scissors, or you can have a circle cutter that you can purchase at any craft store, this one is about an inch in diameter. And finally you need a piece of paper, I selected this craft paper because its interesting texture and design and I love the lines, but you can select any kind of paper. It can be textured, it could be plain, the only thing I suggest is that you have something that's fairly thin and easy to glue on. And there you have it, those are the materials you need to get started.

Select and measure map

- The fun part of this, for me, is selecting the map. Each map looks different and I like to look at where all of the colors are and the design, and it gives me an idea of what it would look like on the wine bottle. I selected this particular map because I liked the color here on the edges of this map, and I thought I would use it as a border for the wine wrap design, and so I'm gonna use this as my marker to start wrapping the wine bottle. I wanna turn my map around because this part of the design is where I really wanna use to wrap my bottle. This here has all these other words and things like that, and I really wanna get the map itself. So I wanna take my wine bottle, and I wanna actually turn the map around, so that I am going to be actually having the design of the map on the outside of the wine bottle, and this is where I kind of wanna look to see is there any particular place on the map that I would like to use, and I start rolling the wine bottle to see where I might want to actually focus the center of the design of the map onto the wine bottle, and this looks like there's a uniform design along all of the map here on the side, so I think I could actually use the map as it is, and this is where I kinda of want to kind of roll and if you can see, I love the look of this particular line on the top part of the wine bottle. Now, what I wanna do is measure the end of the map, and in this particular design, I really don't need to cover the entire bottle. In fact, what I love about this particular map, is that you don't have to cover the entire bottle. You're just trying to cover the center portion of it, and just give a hit of the wine bottle, and this wine bottle serves also as your ruler. So, I take my pencil to mark the map as to where I wanna cut, and remember, I wanna align the bottle and align this border to the shoulder of the wine bottle. So that creates a nice design element at the top, and to cut the bottom, I wanna go a little bit inside, and this is such a great thing because the wine bottle actually serves as my ruler. I'm gonna just mark where I want to cut the edge, the end of the wine bottle, and I actually roll the wine bottle as my ruler, and I kind of create a

little marking space for me to cut, and it really creates a nice like straight line for me. I'm gonna take my scissors and now, I'm gonna just cut along these lines that I've created, and it really doesn't have to be too perfect, because it's gonna be at the bottom part of your wine bottle and you really can't tell even if you're slightly off in how straight you cut your paper. Now as far as how long you want the paper to be on the side, what I do, is I want to roll this once to make sure that the entire wine bottle is covered, and then I like to make another full roll, and that just about gives me enough space for me to create the pleats. Not to measure how long you want to cut your paper, you wanna take your wine bottle and roll it once around to make sure that it completely covers the wine bottle, and roll it one more time, a full circle, and that kind of gives you just about the right amount of paper to create the pleats that we're going to fold. Now, I'm gonna take my pencil, and I'm gonna kind of mark the area where I'm going to end my piece, and I'm gonna now cut that, and now that you've measured your piece, you're ready to get started.

Wrap the bottle

- And now that you've measured your piece, you're ready to get started. What you want to do now is take your wine bottle and once again align the map to gauge kind of where you want your designs to line up. And here's when I put double stick tape onto the map so that it would adhere to the map. And you don't want to stick it on your wine bottle, because I'm sure there'll be a label here, and you don't want to put double stick tape on your label. But you can stick it on the map, will help you adhere this to the map itself so it won't fall apart while you're creating your pleat. Now here, while you have your pleat, you see the edge where you've taped, you kinda see where you started. This is where you start pleating your map. And you gauge by the area that you've just taped. So you can't go any further than when you've taped. You create a crease right there where you've made your marker to tape. Then you want to take with the same amount of pressure, you want to then take this and fold it down like this. Once you do that, now you want to fold again, but you want to put your fingers right here along the edge of your first pleat and go back like this. And you're almost creating another inch in here, folded outward like this. And what you're trying to do is create another layer. You're pleating like this. And once again, pleat and create another layer. And here, this piece at the end, is your final piece. And you've created three lines here. And they don't really have to be perfect. Because sometimes the size of the paper that you cut might not align with the number of creases that you want. But it just creates a little dimension on the wine bottle, and that's really all you want. And what I like about this is it's really in one motion that you could create this pleat, you don't have to take the paper off or take the paper on. You're literally taking one full swoop from your fold of your wine bottle into this pleating design. And then, at this point, I like to also then adhere this so that it's somewhat secure. And this is when I use the double stick tape. And I put the tape on. And a little tape on this side will also help to keep the pleats secure on the wine bottle. And here you've made a complete wrapping of a map on your wine bottle. And next what we're going to do is put our little message onto pleated design here by taking some stamps, or you can also write a little message. And I'm going to show you how in a second.

Add design details

- Now that we've covered our wine bottle and pleated the front for a little design element here, we're ready to put our message onto the wine bottle and since I'm from California and I have a little space in my heart for Napa Valley. I'm gonna put Napa on here and to do that we're going to take the paper that I mentioned to you earlier. I chose graph paper because I like the design element on

there and I'm going to take my circular cutter and just create a few circular pieces that I'm going to actually stamp my message onto. And here, I'm going to use this. Now we're ready to use our rubber stamps to create our message. I love these letters rubber stamps because it allows you to make any kind of message that you want and it's always there to create whatever you want to say. And in this case, we're going to put Napa on, so I am gonna take the letter N, I like to actually cut the circle in advance, so it's easier for me to put the letter where I want it. Now we're ready to put our message onto the wine bottle. This is where we need our glue stick and we're going to actually adhere the message onto the wine bottle. This is where I do think the thinner paper works better because it sticks better onto to the map than if you picked a thicker paper. And glue is better than tape because it covers the entire circle. I like the look of this graph paper, the lines of the graph paper along the side of the map. I think it looks really nice. It's a design element. There you have it and now you're ready to take your wine bottle to your special occasion.