How to make your coasters

- 1. Peel the protective plastic cover off one side of the coaster. Hint use the bamboo fork to scrape the edge and lift the protective film to prevent damaging the surface of the coaster.
- 2. Paint THIS SIDE of the coaster with a thin layer of SEALER.
- 3. Place the image FACE DOWN onto the sealer so that the plain back is facing you. Hint spraying the back of the image with a little water to dampen the rice paper will make it easier to work with.
- 4. Use the bamboo fork or toothpicks to feather the edges of the image. Do this by placing your finger on the middle of the image to hold it in place then scrape gently round the image edges until they tear away leaving a slightly jagged edge but be careful not to get too close to the image itself or it may tear and distort.
- 5. Wipe the edges of the coaster gently with a piece of kitchen towel or tissue to remove any excess sealer and fingerprints then leave to dry for 1-2 hours.
- 6. Working on the SAME side of the coaster as before, paint a thin layer of CHALK PAINT over the image making sure you paint to the very edges of the coaster in all directions. Leave to dry for 1–2 hours.
- 7. Paint a second layer of CHALK PAINT to give good coverage over the back of the coaster. Don't worry about any excess on the edges but try to keep the brushstrokes in one direction. Leave the coaster to dry (preferably overnight).
- 8. Remove any paint from the thin edge of the coaster by rubbing with the emery board. Hint: hold the emery board at 45-90 degrees to the edge for best results.
- 9. Peel the backing off the cork sheet and stick the cork to the painted back of the coaster. Use the emery board to remove any excess cork around the edges to finish your coaster.
- 10. Use the bamboo fork to **gently** scratch the protective film on the FRONT of the coaster then peel this off to reveal your finished coaster.

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