

Daily Dish

By now you all know how much I love to entertain and set a fabulous table. I always head to Goodwill whenever I need a special dish or color for my table. Sometimes I never do find the perfect thing to go with my design theme. In that case, I make my own!

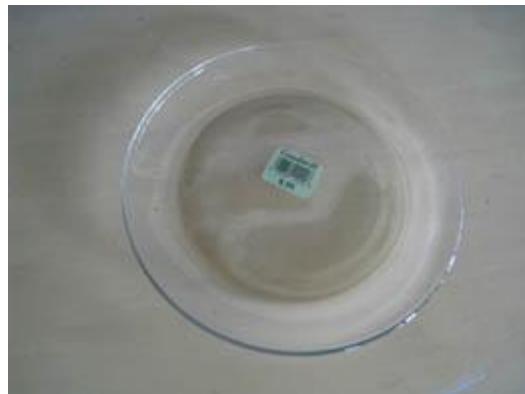
I loved the fuchsia and green fabric I put on the stool last week so much that I had to find another way to use it again. Making custom plates is an idea I've been meaning you do for some time and this fabric is perfect for a summer picnic.

This project is so simple you will be designing your own plates for every party!

You will need:

- Clear salad plate
- Spray Mount Adhesive
- Cardboard box
- Paint brush
- Cotton swab
- Decoupage adhesive
- Fabric

Clear salad plates seem to be a staple item at most Goodwill stores. You will find them from 49¢ to \$1.99.



Spray an even coat of adhesive to the underside of the plate. Be careful about overspray when using adhesive in a can. I suggest using a cardboard box in a well ventilated area or outside.



Cut a piece of fabric a few inches larger than the diameter of the plate. Gently lay it on the sticky plate, **right-side down**. Smooth out the air bubbles with your fingers. If the fabric doesn't stick to the edge of the plate, add more adhesive with a cotton swab and hold fabric in place until dry.



Turn the plate over and use a sharp pair of scissors and carefully cut off the extra fabric.



The final step is to apply decoupage to the fabric after the glue is completely dry.



Voila, you have a custom designed plate. Don't put it in the dishwasher. Simply wipe clean with a damp cloth. Such a fun and easy way to enliven your dinner or picnic table. Let your guests take them home after dinner. I have a few more plate ideas up my sleeve that I will be sharing with you in the coming weeks.

