

# Turning Trash into Treasures with PaperIllusion®

Whether you use items on hand or purchase them at flea markets, garage sales and clearance closeouts, you can turn trash into treasures with PaperIllusion® by Village.

## **MATERIALS NEEDED**

- PaperIllusion®, your choice
- Assorted items\* (i.e. picture frames, photo mattes, lampshades, wastebaskets, hatboxes, tissue dispensers, etc.)
- Bowl w/warm water
- Terry-cloth towel/washcloth
- Wallpaper Primer
- Water-based Polyurethane\*\* (optional: if item will be handled regularly or exposed to frequent moisture, seal item after application.)

**\*NOTE:** For best results when picking items to transform, use items with a large flat area to cover as opposed to molded trims and ridges.

## **SURFACE PREPARATION**

1. Surface should be clean and free of dirt, grease or mildew.
2. Apply wallpaper primer\* to areas where PaperIllusion® will be applied.

## **APPLYING PaperIllusion®**

1. Tear PaperIllusion® into irregular pieces.
2. Dip each piece into water; shake off excess water, and then press onto surface, blot with a paper towel to remove excess water.
3. Apply another piece, slightly overlapping the edge of the previous piece.
4. Continue to tear, dip and apply PaperIllusion®.
5. When completed, check the entire surface to be sure there are no bumps or air bubbles. Squeegee the paper smooth or remove and reapply. Allow to dry for at least 24 hours.

## **FINISHING (optional)**

1. Select a flat or satin water based polyurethane\*\* from your local craft store or home center.
2. Using an all-purpose paintbrush brush on one light coat over PaperIllusion® and let dry (about 1 hour).

**Show Off Your Transformed Treasures!**