

Constructing your 'Cupboard Love' Wardrobe

Lay out your pieces flat and make sure you have the following in your kit:

- 1) A wardrobe front piece with opening doors
- 2) A wardrobe back piece
- 3) Two side pieces that will form the frame of your wardrobe
- 4) Two smaller pieces that are panels for putting on the back of the doors
- 5) A hanging rail for inside the wardrobe and two hangers

You will need a good quality **Tacky** PVA glue (this is essential for gluing to be successful), scissors, craft knife, scrapbook papers, acrylic paint, sandpaper for finishing and bits and pieces for decorating.

Score both side pieces (3) at 12 cm. The longer ends will be the sides of the wardrobe and the shorter ends will form the top and bottom of your cupboard. When folded the two side pieces should resemble two L shapes which you can then glue together to make the body or frame. Leave to dry a while (note you may need to hold it in place while the glue takes hold).

Now take your wardrobe front (1) and score the sides of the doors from top to bottom on each side so that they will hinge open. If you want panelled doors, cut around the perforated pieces on your doors with a craft knife. You can leave them in place if you don't want panels. Glue the panel pieces (4) inside the doors so that a panel effect is achieved. Let dry.

note: if you don't want panels, you can use the spare pieces to make shelves inside your wardrobe instead of a hanging rail.

Glue wardrobe front to the frame making sure that it is positioned evenly around the wardrobe opening and wait until it is dry.

Then glue all this to the back piece (2) making sure that the wardrobe sits level. You might want to mark the position with a pencil first to make sure.

If you are painting your wardrobe, apply your chosen paints and effects. A good quality acrylic paint is the best choice. You may need to sand it a little when dry to get a good finish.

Your wardrobe is now ready for you to decorate inside. Measure and cut pretty papers to line the inside of your cupboard. Cut separate pieces to fit the back, top, bottom and sides and use a glue stick to position carefully.

A hanging rail is included which you may need to sand slightly to fit depending on the size of your finished frame. Glue this in place carefully with PVA in a central position so that your hangers will swing freely.

Note: You can paper the outside of your wardrobe with a wood effect paper rather than paint if you prefer. You will need to cover one side of the wardrobe front first and use a craft knife to cut the door openings before papering the other side and cutting the door openings again. For ease, it is best to cover both sides of the wardrobe back. With the side pieces you can overlay the papers so that you do not need to glue them together to form the frame. For more tips on papering, visit the website.

Now you can make your mini clothes. Choose baby clothes to celebrate a new baby, a wedding dress suit, graduation gown, t-shirt and shorts, party dress, a ballerina or fairy dress depending on the occasion you want to mark. Have fun with your creation! For inspiration, visit the website to see some finished examples.

