

# Wooden Tray

## How to Create a Beautiful Rice Paper Decorated Wooden Tray



Are you looking for a fun and creative way to spruce up your home décor? Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just dipping your toes into the world of DIY, this rice paper decorated wooden tray project is perfect for you. It's a great way to add a personal touch to your space, and it makes for a lovely gift as well!

In this tutorial, I'll guide you through the process of transforming a plain wooden tray into a stunning piece of art using CB Heron rice paper and a selection of gorgeous Cadence paints. Let's dive in!

### Materials You'll Need:

- **Wood Tray:** Any size you prefer, but a flat surface works best.
- **CB Heron Rice Paper:** This will be the star of your design.
- **Cadence Paints:**
  - Baby Blue

- Turquoise
- Ultramarine
- Antique White
- **Cadence Bond & Seal Matt:** For sealing your finished tray.
- **Cadence Brush Set:** A variety of brushes for different painting techniques.

### **Step 1: Prepare Your Tray**

Start by making sure your wooden tray is clean and smooth. If needed, give it a light sanding to ensure the surface is ready to hold the paint and rice paper.

### **Step 2: Paint the Base**

Choose a base colour that complements the CB Heron rice paper. I recommend starting with **Antique White** for a neutral yet elegant background. Use a broad brush from your Cadence Brush Set to apply an even coat of the paint over the entire tray. Let it dry completely.

### **Step 3: Create a Background Design**

Once your base coat is dry, it's time to add some depth and interest with additional colours. Use the **Baby Blue**, **Turquoise**, and **Ultramarine** paints to create a gradient effect or a pattern that will enhance your rice paper design. Don't worry about being too precise – a slightly abstract or textured look adds charm to the final product.

**Tip:** Use a sponge or a dry brush technique to blend the colours smoothly and add texture.

### **Step 4: Apply the Rice Paper**

Carefully cut out the CB Heron rice paper to fit the area of your tray where you want the design to be. Apply a thin, even layer of **Cadence Bond & Seal Matt** to the area where you'll place the rice paper. Gently press the rice paper onto the tray, smoothing out any bubbles or wrinkles as you go.

Let the rice paper adhere to the surface, allowing it to dry completely before moving on.

### **Step 5: Seal Your Design**

Once everything is dry, seal your entire tray with another layer of **Cadence Bond & Seal Matt**. This will protect your design and give it a beautiful, finished look. Make sure to cover the edges and corners well.

**Optional:** For a more aged or distressed look, lightly sand the edges of the tray after the sealer has dried.

### **Step 6: Final Touches**

Take a moment to inspect your tray for any areas that might need a touch-up. You can add a bit more paint or sealer as needed. Once you're happy with the result, let the tray dry completely before using it.

### **Conclusion:**

And there you have it – a stunning rice paper decorated wooden tray that's both functional and beautiful! This project is a great way to practice your painting skills and explore the versatility of rice paper in crafting. Plus, it's a unique addition to your home that you can proudly say you made yourself.

I hope you enjoyed this tutorial and feel inspired to create your own version. Happy crafting!