

So Sweet Vintage-Inspired FAVORS & GIFT WRAP

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I love vintage-inspired projects and enjoy sharing them with my readers on my website, livaughrowe.com. This particular project I'm sharing with you originated from a custom order I received for my Etsy store, House 129. I adore receiving custom orders because they push me to think outside the box and try new things. Last year, I got an inquiry for some custom vintage-themed favors for a wedding shower. I went to work searching for some inspiration on Pinterest and the Web. After some experimenting, I came up with these sweet vintage-inspired favors and gift wrap. Of course, these could also simply be vintage-inspired-embellished gift boxes. I can think of quite a few ways to put these beauties to good use.

I think this project is about being free-spirited in your creativity. You can do so many different things by layering embellishments in a number of different ways. There are probably hundreds of rolled fabric flower tutorials on the web, so to make some for use as an embellishment, find one that fits your style. Here is a basic one you can use: Cut a strip of fabric approximately 30 inches long and approximately 1½ inches wide. Tie a knot at one end and fold your fabric in half lengthwise. Begin to twist and wrap your fabric around the knot, gluing as often as necessary to hold your flower in place. Continue to twist, wrap, and glue until you have a piece of fabric that is left to place over the back of your flower. Add glue and place the fabric flap over and trim as necessary.

To make the fabric and twine bowties, cut a square of fabric measuring about 3½" x 2½". Pinch the top and the bottom, meeting in the middle (as pictured), wrap your twine around the center, and glue or knot. Punch ✦





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or cut out some circles (approximately 2 inches in diameter) along with other shapes and sizes, cut out some burlap squares (approximately 3" x 3"), and have some ribbon or lace on hand. I also used some tulle to add a little extra texture to mine.

Now that we have all of these embellishments ready for use, we're able to start layering our goodies in different ways by mixing and matching. Try a few different combinations — trade and swap your embellishments until you have just the perfect piece. Using your glue gun, you can finish your masterpieces by adhering them together. Have fun and get creative. The sky is the limit!

Once you've made your perfect little vintage pieces, place them on your kraft box with a dot of hot glue. You're now ready to wow your guests with some of the cutest vintage-inspired favors. You can also use this as a way to give friend a gift with some super cute packaging. If you're using them as a favor, fill the box with candy or questions that you might like to have as conversation starters for your guests, etc. Regardless of what you use them for, they're perfectly sweet and vintage!

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