

# Plumber's Tape Repousse



## Supplies & Tools....

Something for your base—foam core, heavy paper, light wood, book, box...

Aluminum foil tape (lumber's tape) and/or Copper Foil Tape (slug tape)

Buttons, stickers, cutouts

India Ink or acrylic paint

Kleenex

Junky pair of scissors

Stylus or ballpoint pen (out of ink),

Bone folder (or spoon)

Cheap bristle paintbrush

Windex

## What to Do....

Use stickers or shapes on your base for 3d designs. Peel off back of tape and begin covering the surface with strips and irregular shapes (can be cut or torn). Be careful of the edges—the tape is metal and can be sharp. Burnish the surface with a bone folder or back of a spoon to stick all the edges down. Engrave with shapes, words, or designs using a stylus or pen without ink. Try using different things to make different kinds of marks. One of those little wheel things used in sewing to make chalk marks makes great marks on the metal along the edges. Clean surface with Windex to get all finger prints and oils off the metal. Paint with India Ink or black acrylic (may want to add a bit of water to thin down the paint) and let set a few minutes until it begins to dry. Make sure to get into all the engraved lines with the bristle brush. Gently wipe away the ink with the tissue until you get the look you like. If too much comes off--go again.

This technique makes a 'old metal' look for just about anything....covering books, boxes, cards, tags—whatever you can think of. Experiment!