



## Temple GROUP ACTIVITY

Thank you for your interest our Temple Photos They are a great way to have a tasteful photo of the temple in our homes at an affordable price. The following information is a compilation of “Frequently Asked Questions”, TIPS we have had to learn the “hard way” and other useful information that should help you with the activity from start to finish ,to ensure a successful event.

### Event Timeline

**2-6 months prior:** call to Calendar your activity. I have almost always been able to work things into my schedule, but I really appreciate advance notice if possible. At this time make arrangement for finished temple plaques to use as a display.

**6 weeks prior** to your scheduled date: begin displaying the finished temple plaques and continue to display for at least 3 weeks. In addition to the finished projects, it is also helpful to have a list of the temples that are available and thumbnail photos. \*

**2 weeks prior to your event (Minimum)**, I will need your FINAL order. The amount of time needed to process your order completely depends upon my work load. Spring, Fall & Christmas time get super busy. Those who schedule events first get a shorter processing time. Those who require photos to be shipped most likely will need to add an extra week to allow for shipping. Ask me about Free Shipping ☺

I do not require payment at the time of receiving your order, but do require that payment be made upon receipt of the kits / photos. Most people have found that it is best to collect the money prior to ordering to make sure that people are committed. So far, we haven't been “stuck” with left overs doing it this way.

You may do any of the following to get your order to me...scan and email it to: [hrlrealtor@cableone.net](mailto:hrlrealtor@cableone.net), fax it to 208-238-8864 or drop it by my address: 5131 Constitution Ave in Chubbuck Idaho.

Once I have your order processed and printed, I will contact you to arrange pick up or notify you that your order is ready to be shipped. My sign up sheets are designed so that if I have questions, I can call the person who ordered it, eliminating the middle woman. This also allows me to label the photos with names, making your job easier ☺

If there is a typo on customization, I am happy to replace the prints at no extra charge. When errors are made that are not my fault, I try to work with people and replace the prints at my cost.

I prefer to demonstrate the Decoupage Process to those who have NOT had experience with it. It is not Rocket Science, but there are a few little tricks to it. I have made a DVD that has a demonstration on it and will be sending a copy of it along with any photos and kits that are to be assembled in a group setting. It is not a bad idea to show the demo before turning the sisters loose with their supplies.

## General Information

1. I have a website that has many of the photos on it that I have. That list is constantly changing as photos are requested so it is nearly impossible to keep it updated. If there is a temple that you want but it is not listed, please contact me. . . There is a great likelihood that I have the photo. The photos are found in the January 2010 Entry on the right hand side of the blog. To view the photos, visit: [www.lovetoseethetemple.com](http://www.lovetoseethetemple.com)
2. I have displays available for local groups, in all sizes. However, the number of displays is limited. If you need one, you should reserve it when we calendar your event. **\*\* For out of town groups, I offer discounts and freebies to leaders on kits that will be used as a display.**
3. I offer a good variety of sizes. You may pick and choose which sizes you would like to offer, but I generally recommend that all sizes are offered because it eliminates exclusion. There is a project that fits every budget
4. There is no minimum order.
5. The wood plaques/ boards are made of an MDF sheeting. The edges are routed on all sizes except for the 6x6 block and the 5x9 size. The plaque sizes vary. The sizes are as follows if you are providing your own boards.

Wood size	Routed edge	Photo size
5x9 ½ inch MDF	no	4x8
8x8 ½ inch MDF	Yes approx ¼ inch " OG" router bit	6x6
13x25 ½ inch MDF	Yes "	12x24
14x14 ¾ inch MDF	Yes approx ½ " OG" router bit	12x12
15x27 ¾ inch MDF	Yes "	12x24
22x22 ¾ inch MDF	Yes "	20x20

6. The routing process often leaves rough edges. The edges need to be sanded smooth for best results. A medium to fine grit sandpaper is best. I tear the sheets into 4x4 squares to maximize it's use.
7. My kits and photos are available with lots of options. I offer just photos, I offer kits ( photos and boards ), I can provide paint and Mod Podge with kits for local orders. (see price sheet) This way you show up with plastic for the tables and I do the rest.

8. It is only necessary to paint a 3" border on the top surface of the board and the perimeter. This saves on paint and speeds drying time. I prefer to use a house grade latex because I feel it is more durable.. Craft paint dries a few minutes quicker but is less affordable. The following is a guide to help you predict how much paint and mod podge to purchase. Paint that is applied too thick delays drying time. Mod Podge should be monitored because too much of it dries CLOUDY . . Since none of us have a crystal ball and cannot foresee how much paint and mod podge each person is going to use, this can only be estimated.

BOARD SIZE	EST. PAINT	EST MOD PODGE
22X22	3-4 OZ.	3-4 OZ
15X27	2-3 OZ	3-4 OZ
13X25	2-3 OZ	2.5-3 OZ
14X14	1-2 OZ	2-2.5 OZ
9X15	1-2 OZ	1-2 OZ
8x8	1 OZ	1 OZ
5x9	.5 OZ	.5 OZ
6x6 block	1 OZ	.5 OZ

9. The photos are printed on a high quality photo paper. They are easily adhered with Mod Podge or Decoupage or Photo paste without rippling or bubbling if applied correctly. This is where my demonstration comes in handy. Too much mod podge dries milky or cloudy . . Not enough mod podge and it can dry splotchy or not stick well. Bubbles need to be forced to the edges immediately. Any air trapped under the picture does not ever get out . . A picture doesn't just "bubble up" . . There was air trapped under the photo when it was applied. A Rolling pin works so well to force any air bubbles to the edges. I recommend bringing a few to your activity.

10. Mod Podge is most affordably purchased at Wal-mart or at a Craft Store with a Coupon. I sell Mod Podge for Local events by the gallon for \$40.00. It is a little more than half the price of the smaller containers.

11. I do a lot of customization. For Group Activites, I Have reduced my fee to \$5.00 per photo. It can include but is not limited to First and Last names, sealing dates, phrase changes, temple dedication dates, etc. The Following comes standard at no additional charge:

The 5x9, 9x15, 14x14, 13x25, 15x27, 22x22 sizes come with an opaque Clock and the word Eternity on them. There is no extra charge to remove the clock and Eternity.

8x8 size has "You are never Lost when you can see the temple" across the bottom of each temple. Again no charge to remove it.

The 6x6x2 inch block is a 4x4 temple photo combined with your choice of 6 digital pattern papers in a variety of colors and comes with "I'm going there someday" on it.

# FAQ's

1. What supplies will we need? They are as follows:

Sandpaper

Paint brushes for paint and modpodge. (I prefer 3 for a dollar bristle brushes, but sponge brushes work also) I prefer to apply my first coating of modpodge with 4" wide sponge roller. These apply the modpodge evenly but quickly giving you more time to position your photo and push air bubbles to the edges. For more information on the roller, please call me. 208-238-8864

Plastic on tables and extra stretched out on the stage or in the hallway for a safe drying area. Paper is ok, but it sticks to the back of the photos when drying.

Plastic cups for mod podge – it is easiest to pour the mod podge directly on the board.

Foam bowls for paint

Mod Podge

Black or brown latex paint (I have not tried any other colors. These look best with the sepia photos)

Small containers with lids to send home paint and mod podge with those sisters who did not finish or were unable to attend, along with a copy of the mod podge instructions (I can email a copy of this to you. If unable to download it from the website)

2. Is there some way we can speed up the process?

a. Have the sisters prep and paint their boards at home before the activity. This leaves only the mod podge drying process which is about 20-30 minutes (Depending on how thick it was applied)

b. Hair dryers and fans dramatically speed up drying time. Do not hold too close to the board – can cause paint to ripple.

3. What is the best way to set up the gym for this activity? I have found that it is best to set up in stations.

a. There should be a safe / distribution zone for plaques, and photos. All boards are given out as they are checked off the sign up sheet. This keeps people from taking the wrong size or quantity of boards or photos by mistake. Photos do not leave the area until paint is dry and they are ready for mod podge. I prefer the stage.

b. Set up a sanding area outside, weather pending or far away from the painting and mod podge area. This keeps the dust away.

c. Long tables covered with plastic work best for painting and mod podge stations.

d. Often times there aren't enough tables to accommodate everyone. I recommend laying out plastic in the hall or against the wall in the gym for extra drying room. Sharpie markers work great to label plastic to avoid mix-ups.

4. Do I teach? I am glad to come and teach your ward sisters how to complete this project at no additional charge locally. When I teach, I provide brushes, rollers at no additional charge as well.

5. Is there any way to make this activity more affordable? Yes. I have to pay a carpenter with a wood shop to cut and router my boards. Unfortunately I have to pass this expense on. If there is someone in your ward with the experience and tools there is a fair amount to be saved providing your own boards.

6. If I provide my own mod podge and paint, how much should we add onto the price of the kits to cover brushes, plastic, paint and mod podge? It has been my experience that the extra cost of these supplies is around \$2.00 per plaque. This can of course be eliminated if the sisters bring their own supplies.

5. Do I offer anything beside temple photos, you ask? Why Yes, yes I do. I have a plethora of LDS projects that all can be assembled easily in a group setting. These items are as follows:

- a. Customized Christus plaques with various scriptures on them. — these can be customized with your favorite scripture.
- b. Family Proclamation ; has a pop-up dimensional matte for a family photo.
- c. Baptism Plaques: also has a small matte for child's photo on baptism day.
- d. Monogram plaques

I also offer seasonal & home décor craft kits. Again, many items have not been posted due to the constant upgrades and improvements. To see the various craft projects that I offer, visit: [www.hobbyshoppe.blogspot.com](http://www.hobbyshoppe.blogspot.com)

If you don't see what you need, just ask. There is a great likelihood that I have something that will work.