Q: What’s the best way to print out my image for this project?
A: For best results, use a photocopy of your image from a laser printer. You cannot use an inkjet printer. The ink from an inkjet printer will smear when wet. If you’re not sure how well your printed image will work, test it by dropping some water on it to see if the ink smears or not.

Q: When I copy the photo, what kind of paper should I use?
A: Regular copy paper - NOT photo paper.

Q: I tried this technique and rubbed too hard, lifting the image up. What do I do?
A: Do not over-wet the image. Try practicing on smaller pieces of wood and use a LOT of transfer medium. Be sure the image dries COMPLETELY before you start.

Q: Where can I buy the wood transfer liquid?
A: ConsumerCrafts.com (Check the supply list at the top of the post.)

Q: Can I use an actual photograph for this transfer or do I have to get a photocopy of it?
A: Use a photo copy for the best results. The glossy and matte photos will not transfer well.

Q: Can I just use the Mod Podge without the gel medium?
A: Yes

Q: Can I do this transfer with a magazine or book page?
A: Yes. If you don’t want to ruin the original image in this process just make a copy of it.

Q: How long should the transfer solution dry after pressing the photo firmly on the wood?
A: Let it dry overnight (or for about 18-24 hours). Smaller projects will need less time.

Q: Will this work on a painted wood surface?
A: Yes

Q: I noticed that any white parts of my image are showing up clear on the transfer- how do I avoid this?
A: Paint the background white or use Gesso to transfer the image.

Q: I want to transfer my photo to a dark surface but I don’t want my image to turn out too dark – what do I do?
A: For a dark surface, trim the image to remove any excess paper and be sure to use the photo transfer medium that is specifically “for dark fabrics.”

Q: How can I get rid of the fine layer of paper that’s left after transferring the photo?
A: Rub over it gently with oily furniture polish like Old English. Then seal with Mod Podge.

Q: What program can I use to invert a photo?
A: Picmonkey.com