

Etch any motive on glass

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Intro: Etch any motive on glass

In this Instructable I want to show you how to etch any motive on glass.

It is cheap, easy and a great present.

Did I mention it's fun as well?

You can also energize your water by etching ancient healing symbols on your drinking glasses.

I hope you will enjoy trying this...



step 1: Materials

The materials you will need are:

- one glass
- a sharp razor blade
- glass etching cream
- self-adhesive foil
- a pencil
- microfibre cloth
- a brush



step 2: Design your motive

Cut the foil into a piece that is just a little bigger than the glass is high.

Draw the motive on the foil.

If you're using a pencil be sure not to smear your artwork afterwards ;o)



step 3: Adhere the foil

Adhere the foil to the glass.

Be sure to start in the middle, and gently press towards the edges to avoid wrinkles.

Also lay it around the edges of the glass. The cream reacts pretty fast, so it could leave stains on uncovered areas later on.



step 4: Cut out the motive

Cut out the motive with the razor blade.

You may want to protect your hand and fingers by covering the blade with a small piece of cloth. (mine looked pretty scaring when I tried first without the cloth...)



step 5: Deduct and clean

Deduct the parts of the foil where you want to etch the glass.

Carefully remove finger prints with the microfiber cloth. At the same time push the foil again firm onto the glass.

The hard work is over, now the "magic" part begins... :)



step 6: Etch

Now you can apply the glass etching cream onto the glass with the brush.

For an even result, keep moving the cream with the brush by poking it for two minutes.

Then wait another five minutes.

Now you can use the brush again to put the cream back into its container. It is reusable. (At least mine is, you can check yours too).



step 7: Wash off the cream

Time for results!

Wash off the etching cream with water and remove the foil.

Wash again with soap and dry it with the microfiber cloth.

Ready!



step 8:

Last step:

Share and post your results! I'm a curious being... ;o)

Hope you had fun,

Jane





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jungle.jane says:
Hi there,

Oct 18, 2009. 10:35 AM [REPLY](#)

thank you so much everybody! Sorry for my late respond, I wasn't able to log in for quite a while...
I bought the cream in Germany, and the only english translation on it simply reads: glass etching cream... hmmm... I bought it at an artist's supply store, I'm pretty sure you will get something likely anywhere on the world.

If not, I guess you could look it up on the internet....



lemonie says:

Nice work, and the pictures show it well.
(What corrosive chemical is in the cream?)

Sep 27, 2009. 2:13 AM [REPLY](#)

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artsman23 says:

The cream is usually made of a diluted hydrofluoric acid. Let me know if you have any questions.

Oct 4, 2009. 9:10 AM [REPLY](#)

-Eric from <http://www.glassetchingsecrets.com>



lemonie says:

I thought it might be, but could you be more specific - it'll be complexed with something else I'd think.

Oct 4, 2009. 9:12 AM [REPLY](#)

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artsman23 says:

I have a bottle of Armour Etch and all it says is "Contains ammonium \sodium bifluorides". I am not fully knowledgeable on acid cream. I mostly deal with sandblasting glass etching. I hope this helps,

Oct 4, 2009. 9:51 AM [REPLY](#)

-Eric from <http://glassetchingsecrets.com>



lemonie says:

Ammonium makes sense to me thanks.

Oct 4, 2009. 10:06 AM [REPLY](#)

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Kryptonite says:

Nice Instructable, where did you happen to get the cream from?

Sep 29, 2009. 4:50 AM [REPLY](#)



artsman23 says:

Yes, I would like to know where you got this cream from also. I haven't seen this particular brand of cream before.

Oct 4, 2009. 9:13 AM [REPLY](#)

-Eric from <http://www.glassetchingsecrets.com>



oldhamedia says:

Very cool tutorial. I do believe you mean 'motif', not 'motive'.

Sep 26, 2009. 3:26 PM [REPLY](#)

Either way, nicely done.