



another angle by Angela Thompson

Silkscreens and etchall©
Glass and Mirror etching creme

on behalf of tinypandora.com



You will need the following supplies:

- Glass container/ mirror- (recycled jars are great!)
- silkscreens (I'm using some from tinypandora.com)
- etchall© glass and mirror etching creme
- painters tape
- safety gloves/ eye protection
- paper to shield work surface
- wooden stick or palette knife
- old credit card or similar squeegee tool



Silkscreens by tinypandora.com and various glass containers



Etchall creme, squeegee (old credit card), gloves, painters tape and wooden sticks.

Clean your glass thoroughly.
Spray with alcohol and wipe dry.
Avoid touching area you're going to
silkscreen after cleaning. Oils in
your hands cause resistance.

I found during my testing that two things really matter:

1 - Your surface is completely free of any soap residue, finger prints, lint, etc. I suggest using a microfiber towel after cleaning with alcohol to ensure no lint.

2 - You must attach the silkscreen as tightly as possible to your surface.

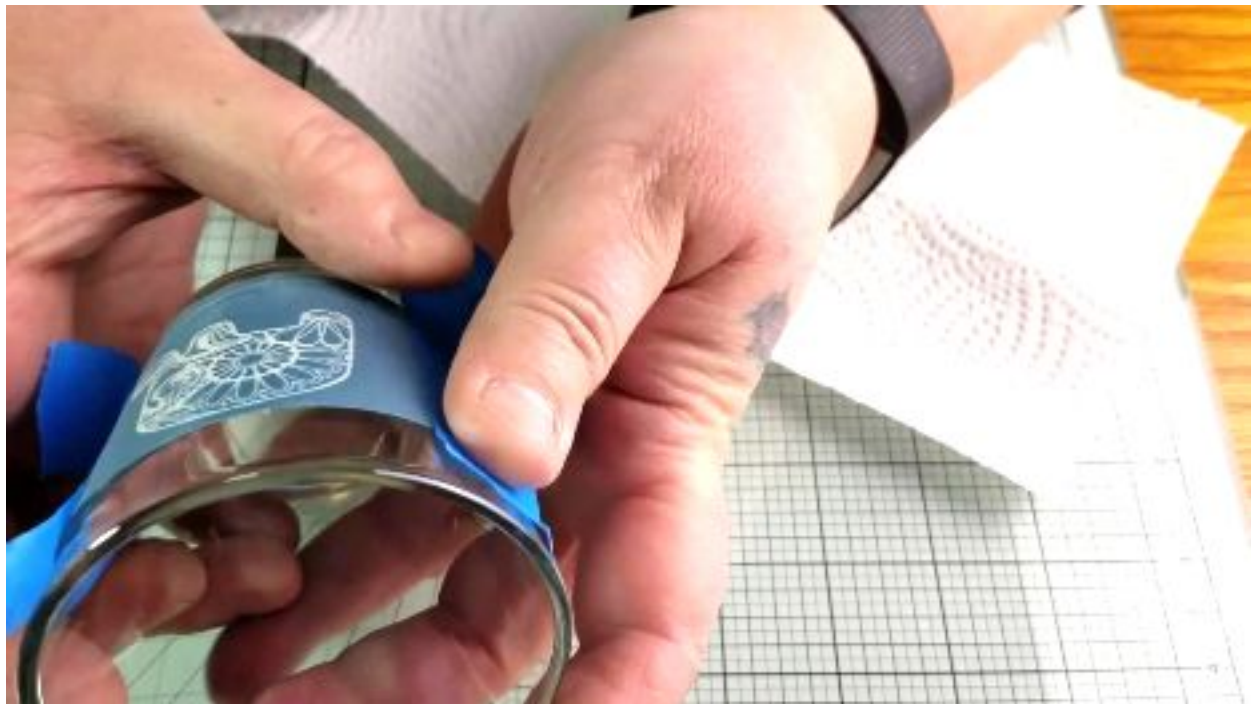


Lightly attach painter tape to the outside edges of your silkscreen. Then lightly attach one side and check your placement. Make any adjustments necessary to your placement. Once you have the design exactly where you want it, firmly attach the same side that

you lightly attached. That piece of tape will anchor the design in place. Now grasp the silkscreen on the other side and gently tug it



to tighten it against the glass.

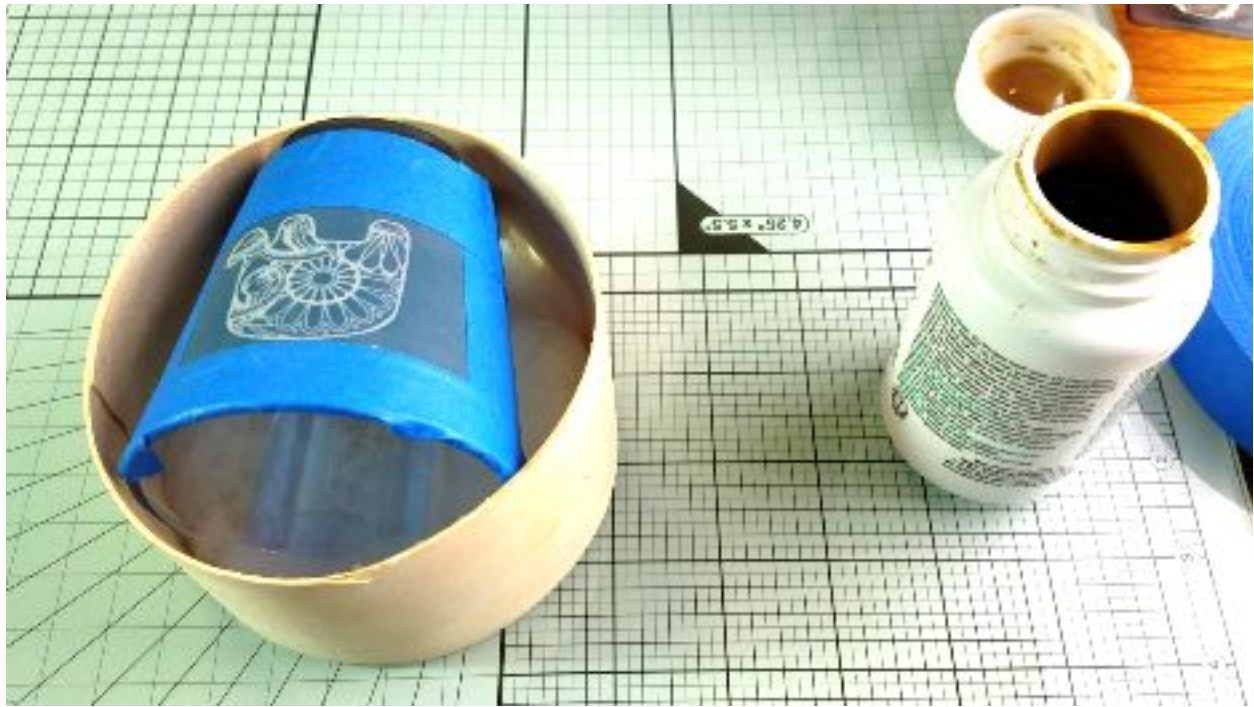


Once that side is secure, recheck your design placement to ensure it didn't shift. If needed, loose and adjust tape. I redid mine several times!

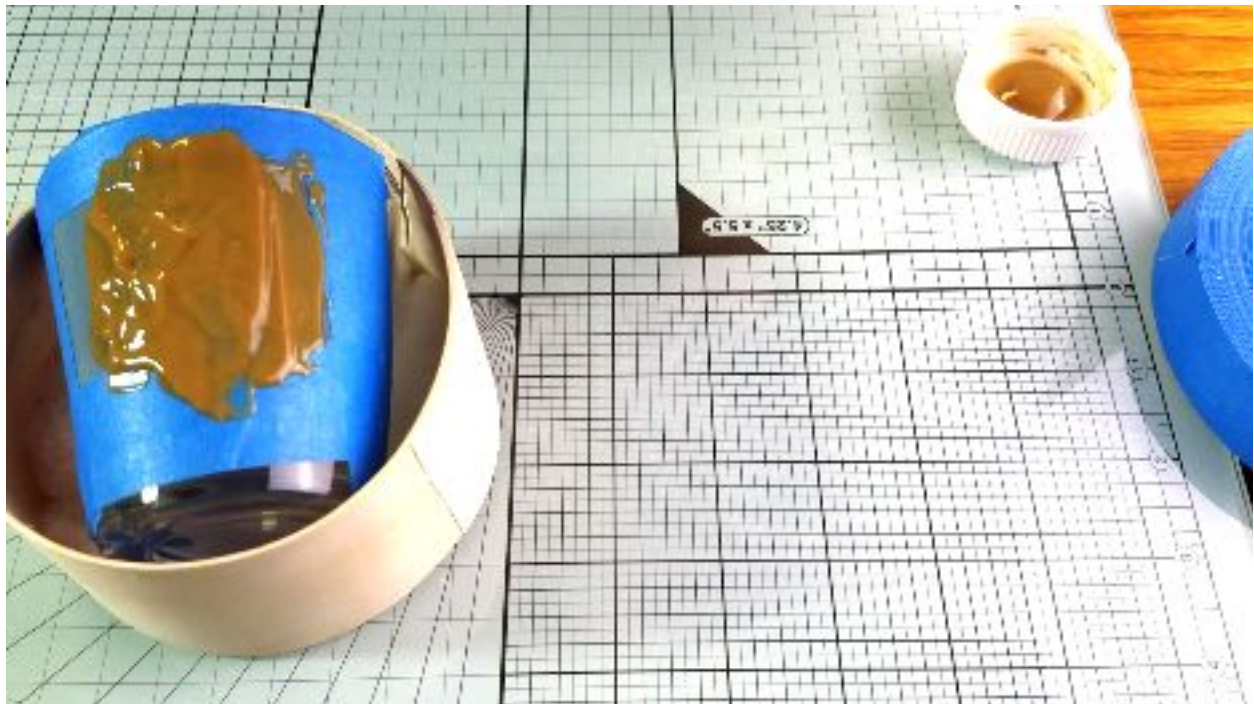


Secure tape to remaining sides. Ensure any part of the silkscreen you do not want to etch is covered completely in painters tape. Make sure all glass adjacent to the silkscreen is covered with painters tape. The creme will mar any glass surface it comes into contact with. Make sure to protect your work surface and protect your eyes/skin.

Stabilize your glass item any way necessary. You do not want the piece to roll or move once you have the etching creme in place. I used an old round box with polyfill. You will not be baking the item so you don't need to worry about heat resistance.



Apply a generous layer of the etchall creme to the surface.





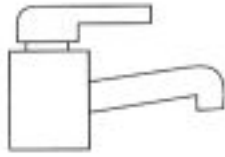
Using your squeegee tool, gently swipe in all directions to ensure you have creme into every part of your design. Don't apply pressure, just gently drag. You do not want to damage the silkscreen. You're simply moving the creme around.

Once you're sure you've applied creme to the entire design, apply an additional layer of creme to ensure there is a thick, heavy layer over your entire design.



Wait 15 minutes then
gently scrape the excess
etching creme off the silkscreen
and replace into original container.

Seal container and dispose of the craft stick.



Take glass with attached silkscreen to the sink and rinse thoroughly. Gently remove tape and peel off silkscreen. Immediately rinse silkscreen until thoroughly clean. Dry flat.

Rinse your glass item, rubbing gently on the design area with a paper towel to clean off any creme. Dry your item and enjoy!