

MASON JAR

techniques



Nine ideas for making
mason jars magical!



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MERCURY GLASS

1. For color, add alcohol inks to inside of jar and let dry.
2. Spray outside of jar with vinegar and water mixture.
3. With jar still wet, apply looking glass spray paint and let dry.
4. Wipe away any excess vinegar and water to reveal distressed look.
5. Paint lid as desired.



METALLIC

To get the most shine out of metallic paint, only apply it to the inside of a mason jar. Why? Because a jar's transparent top layer of glass effortlessly creates dimension, not to mention a glossy looking finish all at the same time.



TEXTURED

Now here's the good kind of sticker shock! To make these textured jars, we embellished them with stickers (puffy letters and pearl dots). Then we spray painted the jars for a solid matte finish.



OMBRE

Stay on trend with ombre designs—trust us, this look isn't going anywhere! Our blending technique: Pull the spray paint can farther away from the jar where the colors meet to create a blended effect.



DISTRESSED

Going for rustic vibes? Rub a painted jar (just here and there) with sandpaper to expose the glass. This instantly creates the distressed look you've been dreaming of! Buffalo check: Free-hand the pattern for a farmhouse feeling.



FROSTED SEA GLASS

Creating sea glass mason jars is easier than a day at the beach! Achieve this foggy look by covering the jars in etching cream (carefully follow packaging instructions). And to pass with flying colors, coat the insides with alcohol inks.



HAND-PAINTED

For homey, hand-painted designs, it's best to first cover your mason jars with a spray-painted base coat. While this initial layer does look lovely, it's actually done to create a more paint-friendly surface for acrylics and liquid leaf.

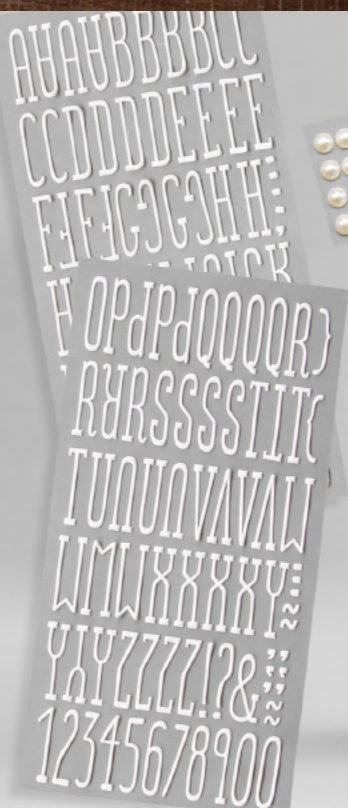
On The Cover: These jars are part rustic, part reflective and all radiant! Wondering how we got the distressed look? It's simple—just wet the jars with a water and vinegar mixture before painting (we used a mirror-like spray paint).



METALLIC

1. Paint inside of jar with metallic paint.
2. Place jar upside down to dry.
3. String beads onto twine and tie onto jar.





TEXTURED

1. Adhere dimensional stickers to jar.
2. Spray paint jar and let dry.





HAND-PAINTED

1. Spray paint base coat and let dry.
2. Paint designs and details with craft acrylics and liquid leaf (use painter's tape for stripes and crisp lines).





OMBRE

1. Turn jar upside down and spray paint bottom half.
2. Spray paint top half with second color. **Tip:** To create blended ombre effect, pull spray paint can farther away from jar where colors meet.
3. Spray paint lid as desired.





DISTRESSED

1. Spray paint base coat and let dry.
2. Rub jar with sandpaper (just here and there) to expose glass, creating distressed look.
3. For buffalo check: Paint horizontal stripes and let dry. Then paint vertical stripes and let dry. Paint darker squares where stripes meet. Embellish with paper flowers and jute as desired.



REVERSE STENCILED

We made these picturesque patterns using shapes cut (and punched) out of self-adhesive vinyl. How? By sticking the shapes onto the jars, painting over them, and then peeling them off to reveal the design. P.S. We painted each jar black on the inside to make the white patterns pop!





REVERSE STENCILED

1. Paint inside of jar black and let dry.
2. Cut or punch out shapes from self-adhesive vinyl.
3. Adhere vinyl shapes to outside of jar as desired.
4. Spray paint jar and let dry.
5. Peel off vinyl shapes to reveal design.





TINTED

1. Draw desired design onto jar with clear, glossy
2. 3D medium (to create raised texture). Let dry.
3. Mix alcohol inks and blending solution to achieve desired color.
4. Coat inside of jar with mixture, rotating jar until ink is dry to prevent streaking.

Give mason jars a whimsical makeover by tinting them with alcohol inks. The key to coating the inside of a jar: Keep rolling it until the ink is dry. This ensures even coverage and prevents streaks. Psst... We created the raised, henna-style textures using a clear (and glossy) 3D medium.

