

MASON JAR

Techniques



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Decoupage

Decoupage medium acts as an all-in-one glue, sealer and finish for these patchwork pretties. Brush it onto jars (these are a whopping 32 ounces!), add strips of fabric, then seal with a second coat.



Painted

The simplest way to achieve this harlequin pattern? Spray paint a jar white, trace on the classic diamond design, fill in with black acrylic paint, and accent with dimensional medium and gold liquid leaf paint.



Marbled

How to make these marbled lovelies: fill a large container with water, add spray paint to the water, and then dip your jar inside. The jar will catch the paint, leaving a marbled finish.



Candles

Filled with vintage charm, quilted mason jars are the perfect heat-resistant vessels for DIY candle-making! Once the wick is in place and the wax is melted and poured, finish by tying on eucalyptus with jute twine.



Sculpted

Air-dry clay is a creative way to upcycle glassware into anything you can dream up—like these fairytale-inspired cottages. This clay dries quickly and doesn't require glazing, making it a time and cost-efficient medium.



The toadstool embellishments are actually painted wood mushrooms (Bare Wood aisle).

Etched

The frosted designs on these mason jar mugs are thanks to etching cream and custom-cut stencils (permanent vinyl). After brushing on the cream, let it set for at least three minutes for a rich, defined etch.

Tip: For a smoother, more precise application on curved surfaces, cut tiny slits around your vinyl stencil before adhering.



Ombred

Give off-the-shelf glassware an ombre-chic makeover with a few overlapping coats of spray paint.

To nail this look, hold the can about a foot away from your jar, and use short, light sprays for a seamless faded-out effect.



The floral windows were made using custom vinyl stencils and a metallic marker.

Tinted

A couple of ways to tint glass: alcohol ink, which air-dries, or decoupage medium mixed with food coloring, which you'll bake to set. An optional bonus? Spray the outside of the jar with frosted-glass finish.

***On the Cover :** An out-of-the-box way to sneak a peek inside candy jars: apply arched vinyl cutouts, chalk paint the jars, then peel the vinyl away once the paint is dry.*