

How to Etch Wine Glasses

This Byte-Size Learning tutorial comes to us from Heather Young over at PearDownLiving.



Step 1: Things You Will Need

To etch your own glasses, you will need the following items:

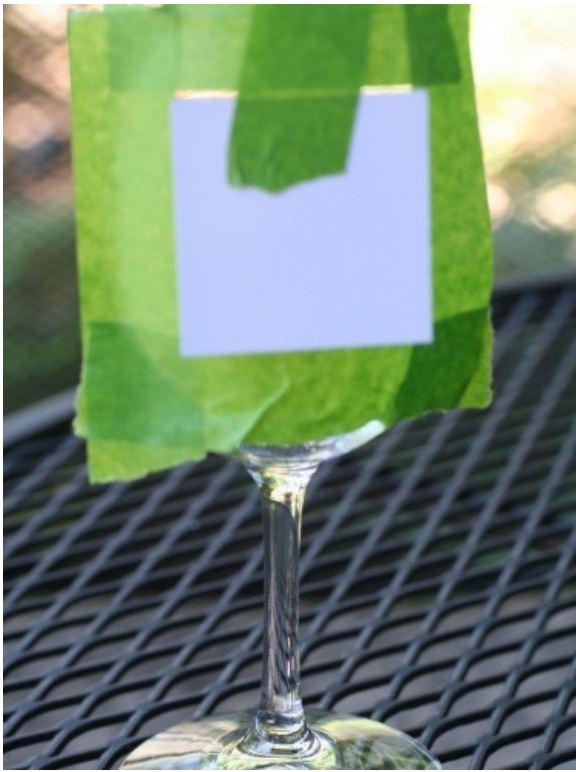
- Stemware or glassware
- Etching Cream
- Painters tape, I like [FrogTape](#)
- Number stickers
- Gloves
- Inexpensive paint brush
- Heavy paper for square stencil
- Water for rinsing



Step 2: Choose Your Glasses

I'm using basic stemware from [CostPlus](#), 12 glasses for \$24.99. I am constantly breaking wine glasses, thus, I stay with the basic inexpensive finds.

Feel free to use the stemware of your choice.



Step 3: Mark a Square

Carefully mark off a square, I used a 2 inch square for this one.

This can be tricky as the glass is not flat, bend the tape to keep the outline square and press it down firmly to prevent uneven lines.



Step 4: Center Your Stickers

Remove the square paper and apply your stickers in the center. I'm using numbered stickers today although you can do whatever you like.

Stickers can be found in the scrapbook section of any craft store.



Step 5: Apply Etching Cream

Using gloves, apply a thick layer of **etching cream**. This cream is highly caustic, so use care and be sure to read the directions before applying.



Step 6: Rinse After 5 Minutes

After 5 minutes, rinse off the etching cream and remove the tape and sticker (keep your gloves on for this part).

I used a large bucket of water outside for rinsing.



Step 7: Repeat Steps for Each Glass

Repeat these steps to number all your stemware. Once the stemware has dried, the etching will appear darker and looks perfect!



Step 8: Completed Stemware Etching

I love how they turned out!