



FolkArt Glass Etching Cream Frequently Asked Questions

What is FolkArt Glass Etching Cream?

FolkArt Glass Etching Cream is an easy-to-apply medium that, when applied to glass through a stencil or silkscreen design or directly to glass, will actually etch a frosted design into the surface.

How is FolkArt Glass Etching Cream packaged?

FolkArt Glass Etching Cream comes packaged in a carded 2.98 oz. bottle.

On what surfaces can I use FolkArt Glass Etching Cream?

FolkArt Glass Etching Cream can be applied to most glassware, glazed ceramics, mirrors, and porcelain.

How should I prepare surfaces before etching with FolkArt Glass Etching Cream?

All etch-able surfaces should be washed well in warm soapy water, rinsed, and allowed to dry thoroughly. Then, wipe over the surface with rubbing alcohol to remove remaining soap or grease residue.

What is the best way to apply FolkArt Glass Etching Cream?

1. First, wear protective gloves in order to avoid direct skin contact.
2. Simply twist off the lid and squeeze a small amount out to load a palette.
3. A generous, even thickness of FolkArt Glass Etching Cream can then be brushed directly onto an etch-able surface, or applied through a stencil, a silkscreen, or brushed within taped areas. Make sure all exposed areas to be etched are coated.

NOTE: It is very important to make sure the stencil or silkscreen is completely making contact with the surface. Adhesive backed stencils and silkscreens work best; however, a spray stencil adhesive or stencil tape can be used to adhere the stencil to your surface. If taping off a pattern, be sure to fully secure the edges of the tape lines to prevent the etching cream from spreading. Whichever method you choose, make sure to press firmly the design onto your surface.

4. Once applied, allow FolkArt Etching Cream to rest 15 minutes. If desired, after ten (10) minutes, brush to swirl FolkArt Glass Etching Cream over the area being etched to ensure an even etching, then allow the cream to rest the remaining five (5) minutes.
5. Next, rinse the surface well under running water to remove etching cream. Continue to flush the sink with running water for two (2) additional minutes.
6. Remove stencils, silkscreens or tape to expose etched designs; dry surface.
7. Be sure to rinse FolkArt Glass Etching Cream thoroughly from stencils and tools immediately after use.

Will FolkArt Glass Etching Cream etch my porcelain sink?

It is best to rinse etching cream in a stainless steel or fiberglass sink. FolkArt Etching Cream will permanently etch all glazed surfaces within 15 minutes, so avoid letting the etching cream touch any area that you do not want etched—including porcelain ceramic or marble sinks and counters. Water dilutes FolkArt Glass Etching Cream. Be sure to continue flushing the sink with running water for two (2) additional minutes.

Does FolkArt Glass Etching Cream hold up well on outdoor surfaces?

Yes, as long as the etch-able surface can withstand the outdoors, FolkArt Glass Etching Cream will too, as the product is not a topcoat; rather, it permeates the surface to make the etched design permanent.

Can I enhance a FolkArt Glass Etching Cream etched surface with painted designs or stencils?

Yes, items etched using FolkArt Glass Etching Cream can be embellished with painted or stenciled designs and borders.

Is it necessary to seal or varnish FolkArt Glass Etching Cream?

No, because Glass Etching Cream is not a topcoat, it is not necessary to seal or varnish your completed project.

What happens if my FolkArt Glass Etching Cream has darkened in color?

Although FolkArt Glass Etching cream will sometimes change color and darken over time as it is exposed to air, the etching effects are still valid.

How long does it take FolkArt Glass Etching Cream to cure?

FolkArt Glass Etching Cream etches a surface within 15 minutes. Once Etching Cream is rinsed and removed, etched results are immediately evident.

Is my etched surface using FolkArt Glass Etching Cream dishwasher-safe?

Yes, projects etched with Glass Etching Cream are safe to wash by hand or on top shelf of your dishwasher.

How should I clean up my painting tools when working with FolkArt Glass Etching Cream?

An etched surface should be immediately rinsed under running water, removing FolkArt Glass Etching Cream. All brushes, stencils and silkscreens should also be rinsed well immediately after use.

Are there any FolkArt Glass Etching Cream precautions?

Avoid skin contact by wearing protective gloves. Also avoid ingesting this product. Wash hands immediately after use. Keep out of reach of children. Please refer to the packaging label for additional precautions.