



Dress up our old-fashioned drinking jars as fun, personalized partyware.

⤴ We used chalkboard paint to create the band of black—painter's tape helped keep our lines straight. Then we brushed simple white acrylic paint over a pretty stencil to create the decorative flourish. And here's the best part: Since the names are written with ordinary chalk, we can erase them when the party is over to reuse for the next soirée!



go big A giant bell jar was just the thing for a custom-embellished beverage dispenser. We had a large surface to cover here, but instead of using a mega-sized stencil, we chose three small stencils. We simply layered them to achieve the desired affect.



bulb bloom Turn a quirky lightbulb jar into a hanging vase with a few quick alterations. To create an opening for flowers, you will need to remove the black glass nub and inside lining from the cap. First, remove cap from lightbulb and place it on a hard surface. Using a small hammer and awl, very gently tap awl into nub to break the glass. Use tip of awl to remove any excess lining. Use needle-nose pliers and gently bend in any sharp metal edges in cap. Now just add water, screw cap back on and tuck in a posy! **Tip:** These lightbulbs come with gold lids. If you want a different look (like the silver finish shown here), do a quick change with metallic spray paint.



Turn basic glassware into boutique-worthy tableware, quirky storage, one-of-a-kind décor and more—with paint! Look inside and get inspired by these creative projects.

a glass act

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spot me Oh, what a difference a dot makes! These cute little canisters—they come with a handy wooden scoop—started out as simple clear glass. We dabbed on some enamel paint to create the modern art motif you see here. Now they're perfect for bath salts, beads or coffee beans!

» dab and dot

Since these canisters are meant to be functional, you'll want color that won't easily chip or scrape from the glass. We recommend enamels—they're available in individual bottles or in multicolor sets. Use a round, spongy applicator (*available in the Art Department*) to go dotty on the outside of the glass. Then allow the paint to cure according to the manufacturer's instructions.



being green

These brand new vases are a vintage vision...so what's their secret? All three pieces began as clear, smooth glass. First, we created the raised designs with dimensional paint. We allowed the designs to dry for 24 hours, and then we turned them three shades of green with some simple spray paint.



Warning:

Food must not be allowed to touch ANY kind of paint. For items that will contain food or drink, you must keep your design to the outside or underside of the glass.

» full plate

It's time to step up to the gorgeous, designer-style glass plates, people! This wall-worthy tableware got its look from an anybody-can-do-it paint job. Just follow the steps on the next panel.



supplies

- Clear glass dinner or luncheon plate (available right here in the Crafts Department)
- Metallic spray paints in a variety of colors
- Enamel craft paints
- Clear acrylic gloss
- Paint brush
- Plastic wrap



1. Use paintbrush to apply wide stripes of acrylic paint to the underside of the plate. Use any color combination that appeals to you, and use the brush to gently blend one color into the next.

2. Crinkle a sheet of ordinary plastic wrap, and gently press it into the paint. Don't smooth it out—you'll need those wrinkles for texture. Leave the plastic wrap in place, and let dry for at least 24 hours.

3. Carefully peel away the plastic wrap. Then apply layers of metallic spray paint until you've got the look you want. Allow the spray paint to dry according to the manufacturer's instructions, and apply acrylic gloss to seal.