

CREATING A FREEHAND MIRRORED DESIGN WITH PERMANENT MARKERS

This technique allows you to create a free-hand mirrored design. We show you how to work with commercial silver mirrors. The process works just as well on mirrors you have made yourself with one of our silver, gold copper or galena mirroring kits.

REMEMBER TO REVERSE YOUR DESIGN

You are drawing on the back of the mirror. The right and left hand sides are reversed when you view the mirror from the front. For a simple way to transfer a mirror image, see the instructions for our Vinyl Mask Kits.

STEP 1 - APPLY MULTI-STRIP PAINT REMOVER



Apply a generous layer of Multi-Strip and leave it on until the paint is wrinkled or very soft.

Multi-Strip works faster in a warm room. It can damage the silver if left on after the paint has softened and wrinkled up.

STEP 2 – EXPOSE THE SILVER



Lift off the paint and Multi-Strip taking care not to scratch the silver.

Clean the exposed silver with distilled water and dry it with a soft cloth.

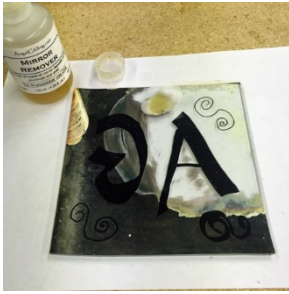
STEP 3 – DRAW THE DESIGN



Draw a *mirror image* of your design directly on the silver, gold, copper, galena or antique silver mirror with permanent markers.

To change or refine your design, use acetone (from the hardware store) and cotton swabs or cotton balls to remove the marker without harming the mirror.

STEP 4 – ALLOW THE INK TO DRY



1. Allow the marker ink to dry overnight. Fresh ink does not hold up to Mirror Remover.
2. Use Mirror Remover and cotton balls or a soft cloth to remove all of the unprotected silver.
3. Rinse the glass well to clean off the Mirror Remover residue.

FOR A MIRRORED DESIGN ON CLEAR GLASS



With this technique, it looks as if you were able to draw with a perfectly reflective pen. Commercial silver pens are never this brilliant.

FOR BRIGHT SILVER COMBINED WITH ANTIQUED SILVER



To create a bright silver design on an antique silver background – or an antiqued design on clear silver – use our antiquing compounds to distress the unprotected silver.

PROTECT YOUR MIRROR

Permanent Marker is very durable. We have an example on copper mirror that is 10 years old. However, they are *not* abrasion resistant. Protect your finished artwork by painting it with mirror backing paint or Century Clear Urethane. Solvent based lacquers will dissolve the permanent marker.

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