Using a Silver Eraser Pen to draw A Design into a Mirror

This technique allows you to create a free-hand mirrored design. The Pen will selectively erase the silver to leave you with bare glass. We show you how to use this pen on a mirror you make yourself. See our instructions about Freehand Designs with a Permanent Marker for information on using commercially made mirrors.

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. See our video on this process for how we reversed the image we created.

STEP 1 – CREATE A MIRROR



Follow the instructions for creating a silver mirror according to the shape and size of your glass piece.

STEP 2 – PLAN YOUR DESIGN



The pen is not reversible. We recommend that you sketch out the design you would like to draw on a piece of paper.

Note: Your image must be reversed so that when seen from the front of the glass it is oriented in the right direction. You can practice this by writing on printer paper with a permanent marker then flipping the page over.

STEP 3 – DRAW THE DESIGN



Draw a *mirror image* of your design directly on the exposed mirror.

You may see a slight haze or residue left on the glass after the first pass of the pen. You can go over the line a second time or use a cotton swab to clean the glass in the select area.

STEP 4 – PAINT THE EXPOSED SILVER



When you are satisfied with your design and have removed any residue mentioned in Step 3, protect the silver with a compatible mirror backing paint. Please note that not all paint is compatible with silvering. If trying a new paint we recommend you first test it on a plain piece of silvered glass.

