

Proverbs 31 Calligraphy How to Make a Glass Painting

1. This pattern is the Rose of Sharon, which grows in both single and double colors. This allows women to match the décor of their homes and still be authentic.
 2. Start with a piece of glass 11" x 14" and clean both sides. Place the pattern under the glass matching the corner lines. The large flower and buds will be in the lower right hand corner of the glass. Write your name and the date backwards under the large flower. You may need to make a pattern and trace it for your name. The two small flowers and bud go in the upper left corner of the glass. This should leave enough space in the center of the picture for the calligraphy to show.
 3. Trace the pattern onto the glass using *fresh* India ink. If you make a mistake, just clean that part of the glass with window cleaner and start again. Don't worry about staying exactly on the lines but try for a smooth flowing line. Some women have used heavy ink lines and others have used finer lines. Experiment with your pen until you find a style that suits you.
 4. Next paint the flowers with oil paints. White shaded out from the center of the flower or from the edge toward the center with the rest of the petals composed of the main color makes a very attractive flower. However, many women have not bothered to shade the flowers and have used single colors for the petals and leaves and achieved very nice pictures.
- Artistic painting abilities are not required at all since you follow the ink-drawn pattern. If you smudge the picture, you can still wipe it off and start again or just get the extra paint off. Many beautiful results have been obtained from many different painting abilities and without being too fussy about the painting. If it is becoming too hard, you are probably being too particular.
- If several women paint together, they can share the paint. It takes very little oil paint to do a picture. Likewise, a single bottle of new India ink can be shared. Usually two women working at a card table works well.
5. After painting the picture, let it dry for several days. You can place it upside down on a saucer in the center to keep the glass clean while the paint dries. To dry it quicker, place it in a dehydrator and dry on medium to high. Or you can place the wet side up and set it in the sun in a protected place or behind the back seat of your car during hot weather. This is quicker than drying in the house.
 6. When the picture is dry, clean the paint area very carefully to avoid wiping off the India ink. Then cover a piece of cardboard 11" x 14" with a piece of drapery fabric or other suitable background material. You may need to put a piece of white paper over the cardboard to keep it from showing through the fabric.
 7. Place the glass in a picture frame with the painting side toward the back. Ornate frames with gold leaf are very beautiful on these paintings. Next place the calligraphy on top of the glass and center it between the top and bottom flowers. Then place the fabric mat on top of the calligraphy being sure not to move it out of place. Secure everything with glass glazing points (available at hardware stores). Then cover the back of the picture with brown paper and masking tape to keep the dust out. Add hanging wire.
 8. Hang in a place of prominence and enjoy.