

# Chalkboard Paint Checklist

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- Things to Buy
  - Matte-finish latex paint. Any color is fine
  - Unsanded tile grout
  - Mason jar. A similar glass or plastic container also works
  - Popsicle stick. A small paint stirrer or plastic spoon would work, too
  - Sponge paintbrush
  - Picture frame. Choose any size and shape
  - 150-grit sandpaper
  - White chalk
  - Felt eraser
- Make the Chalkboard Paint
  - Pour the paint into your container. Fill a mason jar or similar container with 1 cup (250 ml) of matte latex paint
  - Combine the paint and grout. Add 2 Tbsp (30 ml) of unsanded tile grout to the paint. Mix together using a popsicle stick or paint stirrer
  - Stir until smooth. Use the popsicle stick to break up any lumps of grout as you mix it into the paint.
- Apply the Chalkboard Paint
  - Remove the glass from the frame. Take the glass or plexiglass out of the picture frame. Set the frame and frame backboard aside. Work only with the glass
  - Paint one coat. Apply one coat of your homemade chalkboard paint onto the glass. Use a sponge brush and work in even, vertical strokes
  - Let the paint dry. Allow the paint to dry for 30 to 60 minutes, or until it no longer feels sticky
  - Paint a second coat. Apply a second coat of chalkboard paint over the first. As before, use a sponge brush and paint in consistent, vertical strokes
  - Allow the paint to dry completely. Wait one to two hours for the paint to finish drying before handling the chalkboard further
  - Sand the surface. Gently brush the chalkboard with 150-grit sandpaper to smooth away any brush strokes or lines
- Use the Chalkboard
  - Rub chalk over the chalkboard. Cover the entire chalkboard with chalk. Doing so "cures" the paint and prepares it for regular use
  - Erase the board. Wipe away the chalk on the chalkboard using a felt eraser. You could use a wet towel or sponge instead of a felt eraser if you want an even cleaner board

- Return the chalkboard to the frame.** Slide the painted glass back into the picture frame. Secure it to the frame using the frame's backboard
- Use as desired.** The chalkboard is now complete. You can write or draw on it as you would do with any other chalkboard