Chalkboard Paint Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **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*