## **Chalkboard Paint Checklist**

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Th	ings 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
Ma	ake 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
Us	e 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