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MIRROR ANTIQUING KIT

Materials Needed

- *Real Silvered Mirror
(not typically available at a “big box” store)
- Amy Howard at Home® Mirror Stripper™
- Amy Howard at Home® Antique Mirror Solution™
- Appropriate gloves for stripping mirror backing paint
- Synthetic Paint Roller (not a foam roller)
- Safety goggles
- T-shirt rags
- Kraft paper
- Water source (for rinsing)
- Degreaser
- Small plastic container or styrofoam bowl

Notes:



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HOW TO

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Find a well ventilated area for working. You will need a water source for rinsing mirror during the antiquing process. The work area should be protected by plastic tarp or an area that will not be damaged by mirror stripper. Temperature must be above 70 °F for the process to work well.

- Place mirror face down on a non abrasive surface.
- Put on safety goggles and appropriate gloves to protect from the Mirror Stripper.
- Shake the Mirror Stripper very well and apply a nice, even coat to mirror backing paint and promptly roll out stripper with paint roller.
- The backing paint will begin to bubble up and is ready to remove when entire back has bubbled up. *This can take up to 10 minutes to complete.
- If there are areas that aren't bubbling up, apply more Mirror Stripper to those areas and agitate with a foam brush. *The stripper will eat through the foam brush so you will need to work quickly.
- Take a piece of kraft paper slightly larger than mirror and lay it on the bubbled mirror backing paint and lightly smooth it out - holding with one hand while smoothing with the other.
- Slowly lift the kraft paper away from you. The backing paint will lift up on the kraft paper.

**The silver of the mirror is now exposed. Be careful not to scratch the silver during the following processes.*

- Once the backing paint is removed, apply a second light coat of Mirror Stripper to remove the copper color and texture left behind after the kraft paper was removed. **Work quickly but be careful not to scratch the silver if using a foam brush.*
- Apply degreaser to mirror prior to rinsing to aid in the removal of the Mirror Stripper.
- Rinse the stripper from mirror with water. **You can use a plastic container filled with water or even a water hose in an area where water can run off and stripper will not damage anything.*
- Use a T-Shirt rag to help remove the Mirror Stripper. **Paper towels can be too rough.*
- Shake the Mirror Solution very well and pour a small plastic container or styrofoam bowl.
- Somewhat saturate your T-shirt rag with the Mirror Solution.
- Apply by patting and pouncing the rag in an organic pattern over the entire piece. **Do not use a specific pattern.*
- Once you have covered all of the silver, apply solution by using small "S" patterns and small circles.
- After a few minutes, the silver will start to turn black. You can lift your mirror up to look at the other side to see how the process is going. **Working on white paper can help you see this better.*
- Continue to apply more Mirror Solution to promote the antiquing process, checking the front of the mirror to see desired effect. This process can take up to 30 minutes but is dependent on temperature (the warmer the work area, the faster the process). **For darker antique mirror, continue application of solution.*
- When mirror has reached desired effect, rinse off the Mirror Solution with water and allow to dry.
- Apply two thin coats of Amy Howard at Home One Step Paint on the silver side with a roller brush. **Black is the best color for this, but can use other colors to get different effects.*
- Now you get to "Enjoy the Bragging Rights!"

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Q & A

Why do I have to use silvered mirror?

The solution is specially formulated for reacting with silver.

What should I do if I get the product on my skin?

Simply wash with soap and water.

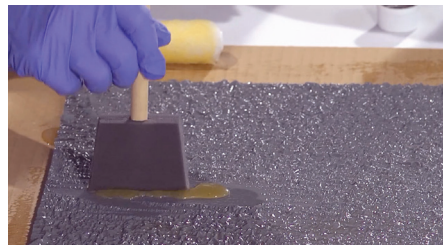
What can I use to adhere my finished product to a wall or furniture?

You can use "Mirror Mastic" purchased from a local glass or mirror store.

Step by Step



Apply mirror stripper with foam roller



Fix unchanged areas with more stripper



Press kraft paper down onto mirror



Pulling away from you, remove kraft paper



Apply second coat of mirror stripper



Second coat of mirror stripper



Rinse with degreaser / water



Apply mirror solution



Rinse with water / paint the back