

CUTTING A VINYL MASK BY HAND

Use either of our Vinyl Mask Kits to create a vinyl mask for any of these decorative mirror projects:

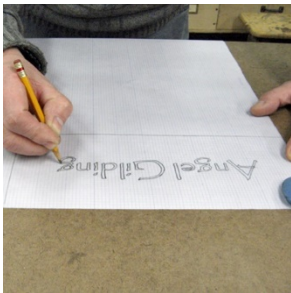
- Creating Fine Line Patterns in a Commercial Mirror
- Mirroring Over Vinyl
- Acid Etching
- Glue Chipping
- Painting In a Mirror

You can paint over vinyl mask with Black Mirror-Backing Paint, Black Roll Coat, Gray Roll Coat or Gilsonite Asphaltum. Vinyl Mask **is not** compatible with our Lacquers or Urethanes.

REVERSING THE IMAGE

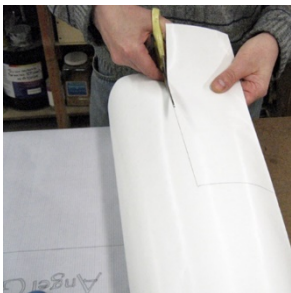
When you put an image on the back of a mirror and turn it over, the right and left sides are reversed. (a mirror image).The transfer paper included in our kits makes it easy to get your final image to show correctly.

STEP 1 – DRAW YOUR DESIGN



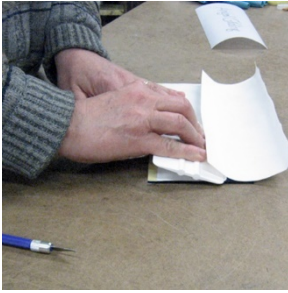
Draw or trace your design onto the tracing paper as you want it to appear from the front of your mirror.
You will be reversing it later.

STEP 2 – CUT THE VINYL



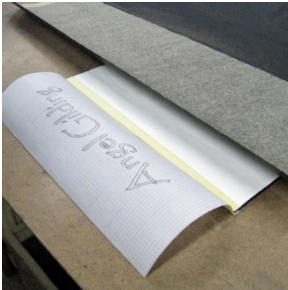
Cut a piece of vinyl mask slightly bigger than your design.
Do not remove the backing paper.

STEP 3 – APPLY THE VINYL TO THE GLASS



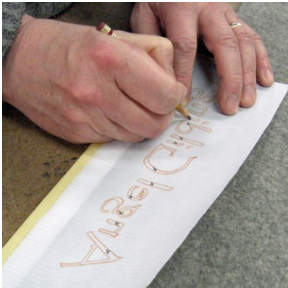
1. Looking at the front of the glass, decide where you want your design to be.
2. Mark this location on the back of the glass.
3. Place the vinyl in the marked location removing the backing paper as you go.
4. Smooth out any bubbles trapped under the vinyl.

STEP 4 – TAPE YOUR DESIGN OVER THE VINYL



1. Turn your tracing paper design over – face down. This is how you reverse the design.
2. Tape the top edge of the up-side-down design to the vinyl.
3. Insert the transfer (carbon) paper between the drawing and the vinyl.

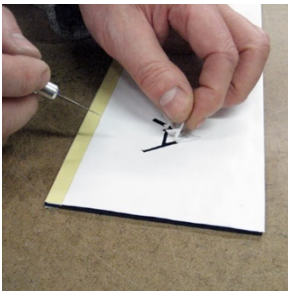
STEP 5 – TRACE THE DESIGN ONTO THE VINYL



Trace your design onto the vinyl.

If you use a red pencil to trace the lines you can tell if you have traced the complete design before you move the paper.

STEP 6 – CUT OUT YOUR DESIGN



1. Remove the transfer paper and the tracing paper.
2. Cut along the traced lines of your image with your craft knife.
3. Use the tip of the knife to peel up and remove the excess vinyl.

A sharp new knife point will not scratch the glass. An old, bent or rusted point **will** scratch the glass. Our craft knife uses an Exacto #11 blade. We have replacement blades available on our website.

A FEW WAYS TO USE YOUR HAND CUT DESIGN

MIRROR OVER THE VINYL



You can mirror over vinyl if you clean the glass before you apply the mask.

See our instructions on Mirroring Over Vinyl.

CREATE A DESIGN IN A COMMERCIAL MIRROR



You can use a vinyl mask to create a clear glass design in a commercial mirror.

See our instructions on Creating Fine Line Patterns in a Commercial Mirror.

ACID ETCH THE GLASS BEFORE YOU SILVER IT



You can acid etch a design in the glass before you silver it.

We have supplies available and several examples on the FAQ page Acid Etched Mirrors.

GLUE CHIP THE GLASS BEFORE YOU MIRROR IT



You can sandblast and then glue chip the glass to make a rough fern pattern in the surface.

See How to Glue Chip Glass.

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