

MIRRORING OVER A VINYL MASK

All of our mirroring chemicals will deposit in the open spaces on a vinyl mask if you follow these steps. The process offers an easy way to create a mirrored design on clear glass or clear spaces in a hand-crafted mirror.

After the mirror is dry, you can protect it by painting over the mask with Black Mirror-Backing Paint or Black or Gray Roll Coat. Allow the paint to dry before lifting the mask. Backing paints are brittle and leave a clean, sharp edge. Vinyl masks are **not** compatible with lacquers or polyurethane.

STEP 1 – CLEAN THE GLASS



Clean the glass very thoroughly before you apply the vinyl mask.

The glass must be perfectly clean for mirroring and you will not be able to scrub it once you have applied your mask.

Rinse the glass with distilled water and let it dry.

STEP 2 – APPLY THE MASK



Align the mask to the glass and rub it down taking care to smooth out any air bubbles.

If you do not own a plotter, we have instructions on [Cutting a Vinyl Mask By Hand](#) on our website.

STEP 3 – CLEAN THE GLASS AGAIN



Use a cotton ball or soft sponge to clean the glass again to remove any fingerprints added when you cut the mask.

Rinse well with distilled water.

STEP 4 – USE WETTING AGENT BEFORE SENSITIZING THE GLASS



Sensitize the glass according to the instructions in the Mirroring Kit you are using.

The process works best if you apply Wetting Agent and pour or spray the sensitizer over it.

Wetting Agent helps the mirroring chemicals to flow into fines lines and the up to the edges of the mask.

STEP 5 – MIRROR THE GLASS



Mirror the glass according to the instructions in the Mirroring Kit you are using.

If you are using Pouring Silver, Gold, Copper or Galena chemicals, be sure to rock the glass as the chemicals deposit to get an even coating.

If you do not rock the glass, the chemicals can deposit in visible ridges like wave lines in the sand.

STEP 6 – LIFT THE MASK



Dry the glass and remove the mask.

Before you lift the mask, check that you will not be painting the mirror or needing the mask for any other reason.

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For this design we silvered the glass, lifted the mask and painted the piece with Brushed Silver Glaze.

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