



Crackled Glass Embellishments

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These embellishments are one of my most unusual ideas of late, but are so versatile and beautiful! Not long ago, a rock hit one of the windows along the front of my employer's office, and the pane of glass crackled into thousands of pieces but stayed in place. It was a few days before the window company could come out and replace the window, and I kept eyeing it in

the meantime. I thought the glass would be fun to use in one of my creations, and asked for some chunks of the glass when the repairmen were on site.

While I was mulling over transparencies and how they could be used, I hit upon the idea of combining the chunks of glass with the transparencies. These transparencies from ARTchix, layered over a piece of this

crackled glass, are so soft and intriguing – and the embellishments can be used on virtually anything. Once I'd made the embellishments themselves, I incorporated them into other projects as shown here. These pieces are proof that inspiration and art materials can come from virtually anywhere. So pay attention, and you'll be rewarded!

TOOLS & MATERIALS

- Scissors
- Diamond Glaze
- Gold metallic marker
- Permanent black marker (Ultra-fine tip)
- Pre-printed transparency sheets (ARTchix)
- Chunks of crackled (broken) tempered glass

Please note: To properly protect yourself, you should work wearing safety glasses, gloves, and should cover your work surface with thick paper. I didn't do any of this when creating my embellishments, but it would be wise to do so!

Compare the size and shape of each glass piece to the images on your transparency sheets. Gently lift a larger section or chunk of the glass and lay it over the desired image. Shift the glass until you've got the best possible sections of the image covered by the glass. Trace the outline of the glass onto the transparency sheet using an ultra-fine permanent marker, then carefully set the glass piece aside. Cut the shape out using small scissors.

Attach the transparency to the glass piece by spreading a layer of Diamond Glaze with your finger onto the matte side of the transparency. Press the image down carefully onto the glass and let dry. Turn the piece over, spread a layer of Diamond

Technique

Glaze over the back, and let dry. Once dry, add another layer of Diamond Glaze to the back side and let dry. This will help keep the embellishment in one piece later on. Edge the transparency with a gold marker, which will help create a finished edge where the glass and image don't meet perfectly. Use Diamond Glaze or double-stick tape to attach the crackled glass embellishment to a base (like a book, tag, or box), or wrap with wire to create an ornament.



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