Etching a Pyrex Dish

HOW TO VIDEO
http://shescraftyllc.com/etching-a-pyrex-dish/

What you need

- Pyrex (or other brand) glass dish (purchase)
- Stencil (purchase)
- Applicator (foam brush works great) (purchase)
- Masking Tape (purchase)
- Gloves/Paper towels/Water (purchase)
- Etching Cream (purchase)
- Rubbing Alcohol (purchase)

These customized dishes are perfect for potlucks! See how to make one here, it’s simple!

Gather Supplies / Prep Work Area
Pictured below are the supplies you’ll need. Stencils can be purchased at my shop. Be sure to let me know it’s for a Pyrex so I know to reverse/mirror the stencil. If you make your own or purchase one, you’ll have to flip it to do the stencil. Since you etch the bottom part (instead of the inside where the food would be) it needs to be mirrored.

Prep Dish
Clean the glass where the stencil will go with rubbing alcohol. This prevents smudges and fingerprints getting etched in the glass. Find something to help you line up the stencil. I just printed a cross on paper and centered it in the container.
Apply Stencil
See the video to view the process in action. If you have purchased one of my stencils, you will start by removing the paper backing to expose the adhesive side of the vinyl. Be careful and work slowly so you don’t tear/loose any small pieces. Once the backing is gone you’ll want to hold the stencil over the dish to figure out the center. Be careful not to touch the glass at all as it sticks quick and strong and may tear if you need to pull it up and move it. So carefully center your stencil and smooth it into place. Work out any bubbles/folds, areas that cream can get into. If there are raised letters on the bottom, be sure to seal the stencil as well as you can around those. Add tape around the edge of the stencil to help protect the glass from accidental etching.

Add Etching Cream
Put on your gloves!! Add the cream according to instructions. — I soaked the bottle in warm water for 10 minutes to help it dissolve. Then stir it up to mix the crystals in. Apply the cream to the stencil to begin etching. I’ve used a plastic spoon, wedge sponge, small paintbrush, popsicle stick, etc. to apply the cream. I let the cream set for 5 minutes for these, but after more experience I suggest leaving it on for at least 15 to get a nice solid etch. Move any crystals around after half of the time to avoid it getting little dots from them. Be careful of the stencil when moving the crystals around, you don’t want to move the stencil at all and etch a part you don’t want to etch.

Rinse/Wash, Peel and Dry
When the time is up rinse the cream off. Use your utility sink if you have one, otherwise be careful with your kitchen/bath sinks so you don’t etch them. Rinse it well until all the cream is gone. Then peel off the stencil and wash the dish. Dry it to see the etching left behind. Now you’re done!