

Glass Etching

Etching glass is a relatively easy thing to do. I purchased several [Korken glass bottles](#) from Ikea (a bargain at \$2.99 each). We keep these in the refrigerator filled with water~~easy to bring to the dinner table. I like these bottles because the circumference is appropriate for smaller hands.

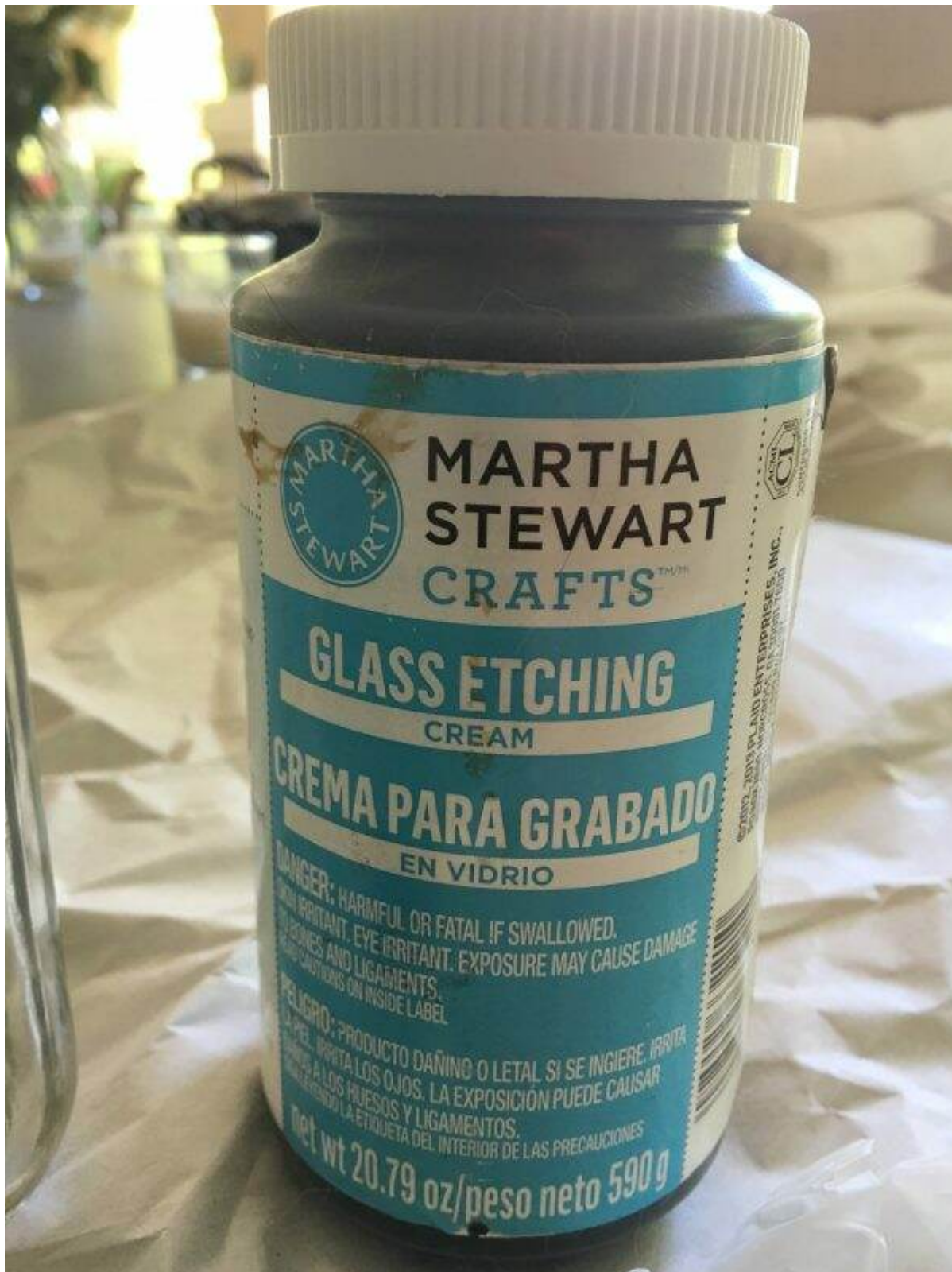
Personalizing the bottles with our family initial was an simple DIY project. This frosted look was achieved using adhesive letters and dots.



Here is another with my initials and decorative leaves.



The supplies you will need are: glass vessel, rubbing alcohol, etching cream, gloves, paintbrush and adhesive stencils. I used [Martha Stewart's Glass Etching Cream](#) which was readily available at Michaels. My bottle is rather old so the cream has darkened, but it is still usable. The cream will dry clear.



The [adhesive stencils](#) are also from Martha Stewart. These are ideal for using on curved surfaces. You can reposition them for precise placement. When finished, you can save the washed stencils for another project.



Make sure you have a protected work surface and gloves. The etching cream is Ammonium Biflouride and Sodium Fluoride~~avoid contact with skin and eyes. Use in adequate ventilation. I set up my work station outside.



First, wash your container with soap and water. Then wipe the surface with rubbing alcohol (done by my assistant daughter~~her hands are much better looking than mine!).



Position the adhesive stencils on the bottle. I use this glass bottle for my homemade almond milk, so M-I-L-K seems appropriate.



Using a disposable foam brush, apply the etching cream in a thick, even layer.



Let the etching cream remain on the surface for 15 minutes.



Peel off the stencils and VOILA!



You can also use glass paint to create designs on your

pieces. Think of the possibilities for personalizing glasses, vases, bottles and pottery. Here is an example of using paint in lieu of the etching cream.



Have fun creating one of a kind pieces. These would make great hostess gifts too.

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