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Set the table

Be inspired by these super simple chalk paint projects – and impress your guests!

Upcycle glass jars

Fill these with foliage and flowers to add atmosphere.

YOU WILL NEED

- glass jars of your choice
- lacquer thinners
- mutton cloth • paintbrush
- Tjhoko Paint in J'co, Karema, Simon Says and Matt Black • rope

Get started...

Use the lacquer thinners to clean the jars. Wait 20 minutes for it to dry then paint the first coat. Wait another 20 minutes before applying the second coat of paint. Tie the rope around the mouth of the jars and hang them above your table.

EASY

PROJECT GUIDE

Hard labour 1/10

Skill level 1/10

Time needed ±2 hours
(depending on which projects you decide to do!)

Watch the video at news24.com/home.

step by step

Stencil your underplates

Personalise everybody's place setting with a nifty underplate-and-placemat combo.

YOU WILL NEED

- wooden placemats
- mandala and cutlery stencils from Tjhoko Paint • stencil brush • Tjhoko Paint in Lourain's Cream
- masking tape
- mutton cloth

Get started...

Position your stencils on the boards and secure with masking tape. Dip the stencil brush in the paint and dab off any excess on a piece of mutton cloth before applying it on the stencil. The less paint on your brush, the better; this way you prevent paint from seeping under the stencil.



Location Garden World (gardenworld.co.za)

Make a chalkboard 'runner'

Give guests a few playful 'instructions' for their meal with a chalkboard 'runner'.

YOU WILL NEED

- MDF board in the required size
- Tjhoko Paint in Matt Black
- mohair roller and painter's tray
- chalk

Get started...

Paint your MDF board with Tjhoko Paint in the colour Matt Black (you can, however, write on any Tjhoko Paint colour). Wait until the paint is dry, then write a few fun instructions on the board with chalk. >>



Paint a 'tablecloth'!

This table was decorated to perfection using stencils and Annie Sloan Chalk Paint in a variety of complementary colours.

YOU WILL NEED

- Annie Sloan Napoleonic Blue
- Annie Sloan Graphite
- stencil(s) of your choice
- mohair roller and painter's tray
- stencil brush
- sealant such as Annie Sloan Clear Wax or Sabre Paints Stoneseal

Get started...

First paint the entire tabletop using the mohair roller in a solid colour of your choice; here, one part Napoleonic Blue was mixed with one part Graphite to create a solid blue. Begin at the sides of the table and start stencilling from the outside in, one section at a time. Use a new stencil for each section, or repeat the same stencil in a different colour. Continue until you reach the centre of your table. Seal afterwards with Annie Sloan Clear Wax or Sabre Paints Stoneseal. For this table, the following colours were used (from the outside in): English Yellow, Old Violet, Emperor's Silk, Pure and Florence.

Top tip

On a busy table such as this one, the glassware and transparent cutlery allow the details to shine through. Repeat the colours of the table in your napkins and flowers.



Pretty placemats

Make these decorative wooden placemats – and use them outdoors or inside!

YOU WILL NEED

- tree rounds (stepping stones), available at nurseries
- a stencil in the design of your choice
- Tjhoko Paint Stencil of Paris
- paint scraper (50mm wide)
- Tjhoko Paint (we used the colours Jane's Jade, Simon Says and Cloud White)
- paintbrush (50mm wide)
- Antique Brown Glaze
- mutton cloth the size of a tea towel

Get started...

- 1 Place the stencil on top of the tree round. Apply some of the Stencil of Paris evenly over the stencil with the paint scraper. Remove the stencil while the paste is still wet (take care not to smudge the paste) and rinse the stencil with water.
- 2 Wait about 2 hours for the Stencil of Paris to dry completely, then paint it with the Tjhoko Paint colour of your choice. We painted some of the tree rounds with Jane's Jade and others with Simon Says. Allow at least four hours to dry.
- 3 Stir the Antique Brown Glaze well and pour 100ml into another container; dilute with 30ml water. Carefully apply the glaze over the paint with a paintbrush. Wipe off immediately with a damp cloth until you're satisfied with the weathered effect.
- 4 Wait about 30 minutes then apply Cloud White over the Antique Brown Glaze. Use a dry brush (wet just the tip of the brush with a tiny bit of paint) to brush lightly over the glaze.



The cushions were also jazzed up with Tjhoko Paint in the colours Jane's Jade and Simon Says.