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# Designing Etched Glass To Make A Living

If you happen to do etched glass as a hobby, it might be time that you consider making some money off of it by using your talent to create a business selling etched glass. Not only will you make money but you will discover that it a fun and exciting venture to take on.

There are a vast variety of different things that you can etch which will increase your ability to attract more customers. You can etch anything from mirrors to custom stemware. Since glass etching is a completely personal thing you will soon discover people taking an interest in getting that perfect gift, awards and a variety of decorative items for a home for business.

As long as you are creative the ideas for projects are nearly endless. It is one of few arts that take something as simple as a piece of glass and turn it into a work of art by adding such a personal and classy touch.

The process of glass etching is not as difficult as it might seem. You need to take stencils that are either custom cut by using a machine that cuts stencils or you can cut them by hand from a pattern.

As for different processes to learn there is only two. The first one is the easiest one and that would be using an etching cream. All you have to do is brush the cream over your stencil and let it dry. You end up with a nice frosted image on the glass. This is an inexpensive and quick way to get your business venture started. Since it so easy to set up you can probably begin selling immediately if you go on eBay.

The other process is considered to be more professional and that is by doing the etching with a special sandblaster specifically made for etching glass. It does cost more to set up than the cream but the outcome of the product you have etched is a lot more elegant looking. This process very gently sandblasts the glass inside the stencil and leaves a fine etching as the final product.

The reason why glass etching is popular is because people like the idea that something they asked for is done in a permanent product that people can cherish for years to come. It gives any gift a touch of class that may have been ordinary before having it etched.

There are many things you can offer prospective customers such as etching logos onto restaurant glasses, company etched mirrors, awards, windows, shower doors, wine bottles and more. The list goes on and on. The only limit is your imagination.

If you do not like the idea of selling your products on eBay there are a lot of other ways to sell your products. You can sign up for Saturday markets and arts and crafts fairs, find specialty shops that take work on consignment, go around to a variety of different businesses with a nice sampling of your work to see if they might be interested in anything.

It is also import to remember to talk to your family, friends and even coworkers to see if any of them know of ways that you can sell your different etchings. Also make sure that you do your homework, by doing that you should have a pretty good basis of prospective clientele.

When the customers are watching movies via the [Netflix.com free trial](#) that you used to get them, they aren't bugging you about their wait, allowing you to concentrate on your art.

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