

LIQUID CHALK MARKERS



CHALKTASTIC IDEAS FOR THE USE OF YOUR LIQUID CHALK MARKERS

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Thank you for choosing CraftyCroc® Liquid Chalk Markers.

Firstly we have some important tips before we get into the fun stuff.



O NOT use on **porous surfaces**, this includes painted surfaces, wood, brick, concrete and some chalkboards (if you want to remove the marker at a later date). Always test in a small inconspicuous area of any surface before use. See below for instructions on how to test.

Porous surfaces absorb the chalk paint pigment and as a result may experience light staining/shadowing. We do not recommend use on porous surfaces. However in the event that you find some staining the water based liquid chalk can be removed using ammonia based window cleaner or a magic eraser in the majority of instances.



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Getting Started with your CraftyCroc® Liquid Chalk Markers

CraftyCroc® Liquid Chalk Markers contain a high quality pigment to produce great coverage and vibrant colors.

Priming the marker before the first use will ensure you get the most from your product

Please view this quick instructional

video here.



STEP 1

Hold the marker with the tip facing up and depress the tip to release any pressure.

STEP 2

With the cap on shake vigorously for 30 seconds. You should hear the ball-bearings rattling around inside the pen.

STEP 3

Hold the pen vertically (tip down) and press the nib in for 30-60 seconds on a horizontal surface such as paper, card etc. You will see ink start to seep into the nib. You can pump the nib a few times to help the process along until the ink floods the tip, then immediately release pressure on the nib.

Testing Your Chalk Markers

If you are unsure whether the surface you intend to write on is porous or not we suggest testing first.

- 1) Find an inconspicuous area on the surface to test your markers
- 2) Place a small dot or line on the surface
- 3) Repeat with all colors. It pays to test all colors as some may leave more obvious shadowing than others depending on the color of your surface.
- Leave overnight Patience is required.
 This is important. Shadowing is caused by the surface absorbing the liquid over time. It may wipe off with no issues if left for just an hour but leave shadows after sitting for a day.



Caring For Your Liquid Chalk Markers

- Please make sure you prime your markers as instructed in the "Getting Started" tips above to get the best out of your markers.
- Ensure that once you have finished with your marker you carefully replace the cap. If the cap is not put on straight it can cause a spit in the tip or cause damage to it.
- Make sure the cap is on tight to avoid drying out.
- Store your markers horizontally to avoid the products drying and ALWAYS SHAKE VIGOROUSLY with the cap on prior to each use.





Usage tips

- Please make sure you prime your markers as instructed in the getting started above to get the best out of your markers.
- Always write on a clean and dry surface
- Use the bullet tip for standard writing.
- Use the sharp point of the chisel tip to create dots and fine lines.
- Use the broad flat surface of the chisel tip to create thick lines or calligraphy style writing.

- Use consistent angles when using the chisel tip for writing to give the best results
- To save ink try using cross-hatching to color your designs.
- Try using stencils. If this brings visions of old school lettering stencils you are not alone. However there are a lot of cool stencils/templates out there and they can have a great effect.
- ALWAYS SUPERVISE children when they use these markers.



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Ideas for Erasable Surfaces

Chalkboard Stickers

Chalkboard stickers are incredibly popular for labelling anything from the containers in your pantry to your kids' toy boxes.







Mirrors

Why not leave a message for a loved one, a daily affirmation, or a reminder note for yourself on the bathroom mirror and save your lipstick for your lips.

Decorate the mirrors in the kids' bedrooms. Why not sneak in when they are sleeping and leave a new picture for them to find in the morning..... Crafty!







Glass

You can draw on absolutely any glass but here are some ideas.

- Play a game of Tick-Tack-Toe on your glass coffee table.
- Write names on your wine glasses or decorate them with pictures.
- Write on the glass of your photo frames with names, dates, love hearts, or a moustache if you wish - the sky's the limit.





Windows

Now I must say, this is our absolute favourite. There is no limit to the creativity that can be unleashed here.

You can decorate your windows during the holidays, Thanksgiving, Halloween, Hanukkah, Christmas, Easter, New Year, the list goes on.

Leave a message for the postman or gardener.

Or give them to the kids to encourage their creativity with easy clean up (no more washing brushes).



They also work great on car windows. Try "Just Married", "New Graduate", "Happy Birthday" or "For Sale". (Just check with your neighbors first before you go offering their new car up for sale! lol)

Or what a unique way to ask that girl to the prom. Just write 'Will you go to the prom with me?' on her car window.





Glazed Ceramic

Write "Hands Off" on your coffee cup in the office so it never gets pinched again.

Personalize your dog or cat's ceramic food or water bowls.









Whiteboards

Sure you can use standard whiteboard pens but with all these super bright colors, CraftyCroc® Liquid Chalk Markers are much more fun!







LED display boards

A really eye-catching display for any business is the LED writing board. You can write whatever you like and have it light up or choose an option that makes the writing appear to change color. As these boards are glass they are an ideal surface for these neon markers.





Slate Chalkboards

Please, please, please check any chalkboard before use if you intend on removing the liquid chalk from the surface for re-use.

The possibilities are endless and chalkboards look amazing with CraftyCroc® markers.

Plastics/Laminates/Metal

These surfaces should always be tested first. We have used these on our metal filing cabinets, refrigerator, kitchen cabinetry and more.

This great idea was left by one of our customers in a review: Why not write on the washer to say the clothes need to go out or on the dishwasher clean or dirty.





Ideas for Non-Erasable Surfaces

This is where things get really cool. Our kids love these markers for their daily arts and crafts projects. The vibrant colors are a huge hit, and we love the fact that there is no paint and messy paintbrushes to clean up at the end of the day. Just put the cap back on and put them away in the draw.

Chalkboard Paint Dipping

This is a favorite. Although we don't recommend our markers on chalkboard paint if you intend on erasing your work, if you have no intention of erasing then your creativity knows no bounds.

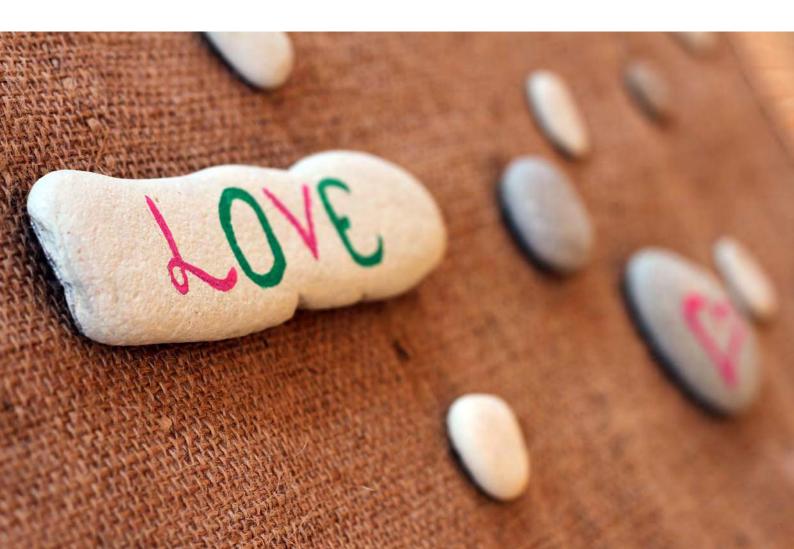
Here are some ideas:

Dip plant pots in chalkboard paint and plant with herbs using the markers to name and decorate the pots.

Dip blown eggs for Easter and decorate.

Find stones in the garden or on the beach clean them thoroughly and dip in chalkboard paint. Use the markers to write words, sayings or poems.







Paper

Our kids love to draw! Every single day they grab a pen and paper. Their artwork is so vibrant.

Card

From making characters out of paper plates and drawing on faces to building houses out of boxes and drawing on doors and windows the possibilities are endless.

These even work great when decorating egg cartons.



CraftyCroc chalk markers make a great addition to your crafting tool kit. The neon or earthy colors add a splash of brightness to any page or use the more conventional black marker for a bold classic look. The paint gives great coverage and has a different look and texture to conventional markers. Use with stencils or stamps for different designs.

Check out this card design by The Frugal Crafter on youtube:

http://www.craftycroc.com/frugalcraftervideo

Get creative by blending colors before they dry or use one color to create a background let it dry then use a second color to create an outline. The options are endless – just get creating and let your imagination run wild.

We'd love to see your creations so feel free to share them on our Facebook page! https://www.facebook.com/CraftyCrocArt





Creating Lasting Memories

Pregnancy announcements

What better way to announce your pregnancy to the world than by sharing a fun photograph. This can be easily done with a chalkboard, some Crafty Croc Liquid Chalk Markers and some imagination.





Maternity Photos

Make a lasting record of your pregnancy with monthly boards and photos. To do this cover a wall or large piece of wood in chalkboard adhesive paper and stand in front of it. This could be as simple as taking a photo every month with how many weeks you are. Or you can document:

- Your due date
- The date you first saw baby on an ultrasound
- Cravings
- Heard baby's heartbeat
- How big baby is at this stage
- Felt the first kick
- The baby's heart rate
- The doctor who will deliver
- A special poem
- How you are feeling (morning sickness stopped Yeah!!!!).







Baby Announcement

Once your little bundle of joy arrives why not create a chalkboard to announce their arrival. This is a great addition to the newborn photo shoot too. Don't forget to include all the special details.

- Name
- Date of birth
- Time of birth
- Birth weight
- Length
- Where they were born
- Who was there









For Little Kids - Monthly

Lets face it, babies grow up so fast! And while there is no way to slow this down you can document all those precious milestones while they are fresh in your mind. For children under 1 year we suggest doing this monthly for maximum effect.

(photo thanks to AEMommy amazon reviewer)

- Name
- Age
- Date
- / I am.... Weight, Length
- Preschool
- I Can(Development eg Crawling, sitting, walking, first word, new words)

- Number of teeth
- I love..... (Favorites eg Food, Toy, Song, Activity)
- Nicknames
- Also add cute things they do or say frequently (it is fresh in your mind now but in 6 years time when you look back these are the things that make you smile)





Older Kids

- Name
- Age
- Date
- Height
- Friends
- Achievements
- Favorites: eg Food, Music, Toy, Book, Movie, Song, Sport, Activity, Color, Subject



Adults

- Name
 Achievements
- Age
 Number of countries visited
- **/** Date **/** Children
- Work





First Day of School

The first day of school is always a big day for any child. Why not document it with a special board and photograph your child with it. You can do this every year and put them all together at graduation.

Some ideas of what to include are:

| Name | / Height | |
|----------------|---|--|
| // Date | Best Friend | |
| / Age | When I grow up I want to be a | |
| / Grade | Favorites: eg Food, Music, Toy, Book, | |
| School | Movie, Song, Sport, Activity, Color, Subject | |
| Teachers Name | | |

Graduation

Graduation is a proud moment for parents. How about a chalkboard with some of the following.

| / Name | Favorite Subject |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Degree | Least Favorite Subject |
| School/College | Funniest moment |
| Special mentions (honors etc) | Childhood dream |
| Date of graduation | Nicknames |
| / Years of study | Future Plans |
| / Number of subjects/papers/exams | |



Weddings

We could write an entire book on uses for chalk markers at weddings. Here are some ideas:

- Signs to wedding and reception
- Choose a seat not a side seating plan
- Your love story Met, First Date, Proposal, Marriage
 - Guest book
- Order of service
- Menu
- Table Markers













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markers on?

If you want to be able to erase then only use on a non-porous surfaces.

We recommend use on whiteboards, glass, widows, mirrors, glazed ceramics, LED display boards, and some plastics, metals and laminates.

If you are not worried about erasing then if you see it, you can draw on it. Make sure you clean your surface first so there is no oil or grease on the surface e.g. oil from your skin.

2. What surfaces can't I use liquid chalk markers on?

If you want to be able to remove the markers and use the surface again, then avoid porous surfaces. Porous surfaces include painted surfaces including chalkboard paint, other painted surfaces, wood, paper, card, some plastics, metals, laminates and some chalkboards.

1. Which surfaces can I use liquid chalk 3. How do I prepare a surface for best results?

Ensure that any surface you write on is completely clean and dry. Grease, dust, moisture, or any other substance will interfere with your results and may damage the nibs of your pens.

With some chalkboards priming the surface first can avoid shadows being left behind. To prime, get a regular piece of chalk and rub it over the entire surface of the board.

Sealing the surface first can turn a porous surface into a non porous surface. Many of our customers have used a clear dry erase paint to seal a surface. This can be purchased inexpensively on Amazon. Be sure to follow the instructions as it needs 3 coats and must dry between coats. One of our customers created this lovely chalkboard calendar on her wall with black paint and white for the lines and days of the week, followed by a clear dry erase sealant. The rest is done with her Crafty Croc markers. This means she can change the month and dates when required.





4. So I used it on my chalkboard already and it has left a shadow! Now what!?

Chalkboards all vary significantly in their composition and the quality/type of paint. Although many people use liquid chalk markers successfully on many types of chalkboards without shadowing, this is not always the case.

We generally do not recommend use of our markers on chalk boards as chalkboard paint tends to be porous. In such cases some of the chalk marker pigment can get absorbed by the paint, causing a shadow to be left behind when removed. This is true of all liquid chalk on the market. If you find yourself in this situation we recommend the following (please before trying any of these solutions on your chalk board check in a small area first):

- If you have one in the house try using a magic eraser. These work wonders but can remove some of the chalkboard paint too so please test first.
- If you happen to have baby wipes in the house they will often do the job
- Try an ammonia based cleaning solution such as NEOPlex chalkboard cleaner. Many people find Windex works perfectly.
- Even better, using Windex and the magic eraser together can work wonders.

Again please test any of these techniques in a small area first as all chalk boards react differently to these solutions and we don't want any damage to occur.

5. What do I do if my marker seems to be drying out?

Sometimes if the markers go unused for a while they need a little love to get going again. First, shake it vigorously for at least 30 seconds. You need to hear the clicky noise as you shake it. Keep shaking vigorously for at least 10 seconds after you hear this sound. Now prime the nib by pressing it down. Hold it down and/or pump gently until the ink comes out.

6. I have made a chalkboard I want to keep forever how do I preserve it?

The best tool for the job is a clear spay on sealer as anything that you brush on may smudge the chalk. Aerosol polyurethane will do the trick.

7. Can I use liquid chalk markers on blackboard contact paper?

Yes. This can vary depending on the contact paper you use but standard PVC contact paper works a treat!

8. Can I use liquid chalk markers on my blackboard wall?

To be safe we do not recommend using CraftyCroc® Liquid Chalk Markers on chalkboard paint as it may leave shadowing on the surface.

ALWAYS test in a small area first!



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To view our Amazon store







The Original Box of 10 Neon Liquid Chalk Markers



Ur 10 pack of neon markers the number one best selling chalk markers on Amazon and for good reason. This packet has 7 bright colors - red, green, pink, purple, light blue, yellow, orange. It also includes brown, white and black. Brown and black are colors you don't get in an 8 pack and are often underrated. However start whipping up some window art and you will find these two colors are essential.





10 Earthy Color Liquid Chalk Markers

et's face it sometimes you want something a little more subdued than the bright neon color in the classic marker set, so we have created the Earthy set. This is great for those fall decorations, and also has a rich dark green for those Christmas trees.





Liquid Chalk Markers Jumbo Pack 18 Pack Neon and Earthy colors

et the most bang for your buck with the large 18 pack. This contains the same neon and earthy colors as the two 10 packs but without the double ups. Double the fun but not the price!





Liquid Chalk Markers Value Set of 8 Neon Colors

his packet of liquid chalk markers is perfect for those on a budget or only ever working on a black surface. It contains the same high quality markers as the 10 neon pack and includes all the neon colors excluding the black and brown.

The colors included are: red, green, pink, purple, light blue, yellow, orange and white.





Chalkboard Labels 64 Large Repositionable Rectangle

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o you like the idea of the chalkboard labels but want something with a bit more flair? Then look no further than our fancy chalkboard labels. Each pack consists of 4 shapes including ovals. In a large pack of 64 labels that's 16 of each shape! Buy now





4 White Liquid Chalk Markers

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