

TIPS ^{and} tricks

1. Always *season* your chalkboard by rubbing chalk all over before writing on it
2. Use a pencil sharpener to get a finer tip on your chalk
3. USE A DAMP COTTON SWAB TO CLEAN UP ANY MISTAKES
4. Add *extra* embellishments like *BANNERS*, *Swirls*, *ARROWS*, ^{and} *SHADING* for *interest*
5. PRACTICE *Practice Practice!*

Chalkboard Crafts

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IN COMMAND

Corral schedules, papers, lists and more with the help of a few well-placed chalkboards. You've got options—start simple with a readymade board (center) or create a custom surface with chalkboard paint (galvanized bin and clipboards).

SORTED & SWEET

Another great candidate for chalkboard labels? In and out boxes. Stick labels to metal bins, and then just erase and rewrite when your needs change—hello, bills bin or homework headquarters!



GUEST WISHES

Fresh take on an old-school guestbook? A signable chalkboard letter. Large wood letters work well—just cover with chalkboard paint and leave a chalk marker nearby. The easel comes as is (the other side is dry-erase).



FRESH FAME

Here's a gift-worthy idea: Paint a plain wood photo frame using chalkboard paint, then sketch on a design or message. (P.S. We drilled a hole at the top to turn it into a vase!)



SNACKS UP

Party time (or dinnertime) just got fancier. This custom snack tray is as easy as applying chalkboard vinyl to a slatted wood sign. *Tip: We scalloped the vinyl's edges before adhering it.*



BEST IN SKETCH

Even a wooden panel becomes a blank canvas with a coat of chalkboard paint. We sketched out the design and message using a pastel chalk pencil—it works well for precise details.



SIP SIMPLY

Chalkboard labels and a readymade sign make short work of an organized sip station. The labels and the sign come like you see them—just add chalk markers! **Tip:** *We recommend fine point and chisel tip.*



STENCIL HOW-TO

Here's the breakdown for making your own stenciled chalkboard art.

Season chalkboard by rubbing chalk across surface. Then wipe off.



Use chalk pencil to trace stencil design onto chalkboard.



Fill in design with chalk marker.



Finish with extras like shading, banners, etc.



CHALK TALK

What makes chalkboard designs go next-level? The right utensil.

For fine lines and details, use a chalk pencil or fine-point marker. For bold designs and calligraphy, try a chisel tip or plain chalk marker.

Tip: Experiment with different types to find your fave!