

TILE PICTURES

What you need

- ▶ Wood tile board (available at craft stores). What ever size you desire to make.
- ▶ A picture the size you want. You can have the picture the same size as the whole board, or to just go in the middle. If you have it the same size as the whole board, you will need to cut it into pieces that match the board, so each "piece" is on its own section of the board. Calendar pictures are good to use because they are on heavier paper. Also, pictures from church distribution are good. Cut the pictures slightly smaller than the space they will be on or else they will "flip up" when drying. You only need to do this if you are doing one picture in the middle of the board. If you are cutting several pieces off of the picture to go on all the squares on the board, just cut the picture. Do not trim the edges to be smaller than the square they will be on.
- ▶ Paper cutter or scissors (paper cutter is easiest)
- ▶ Paint & paint brushes
- ▶ Glue stick
- ▶ Paper to cover tables
- ▶ Plastic cups (disposable), clear (at some craft stores they have disposable plastic cups that have ounce measurements on them)
- ▶ Wooden sticks for mixing (flat, like large popsicle/craft sticks)
- ▶ Resin & Hardener (ask for it at your local craft store, they will (hopefully) know what they are. They are two different things.)

Instructions for "Tile Boards":

1. Cover tables with butcher paper
2. Center picture on "tile board" to see how it will look and to make sure it fits in the space it will go.
3. Remove picture and paint wood. You do not need to paint directly under picture. Just enough so the paint is under the picture on all sides. An inch or two in from the edges is probably good. Be sure to paint in the grooves of the tile board. Look at it from all sides to be sure paint is covering all spaces and grooves. Paint with a color that will compliment picture. One good coat of paint is enough.
4. After paints dries (which is usually pretty fast) glue picture on tile board.
5. Prop painted tile board up on 3 plastic cups, in from the edges. You'll need the underside edges free. Make sure table/board are level.
6. Pour equal parts of resin and hardener (1 oz. each for 7" x 9" board) into a cup. Mix thoroughly with both folding and whipping action for 2 minutes using the flat wooden sticks. (Time this!) Don't worry about the bubbles.

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This is the hardest part:

7. Gradually, but quickly, pour mixture over board and picture. Start in the middle and pour in a circular motion toward edge of board. Spread the mixture gently over the whole board. Try to not have too much fall over the sides. For the next 5 minutes or so, you will need to keep popping the bubbles, running your stick through the grooves on the board and scraping it off of the bottom of board. When you scrap it off of the bottom of the board with the stick, put it back on the top. To pop the bubbles, HUFF the bubbles (DO NOT BLOW!). To HUFF, open your mouth as if you are yawning and blow air out gently. You will need to get pretty close to the gloss, but be careful of hair and clothing touching it. (There is a hint of how to remove this from hair and clothing at the end)
8. After about 5 minutes the gloss should be starting to harden, and the grooves start to remain cleared out. As soon as the gloss is thick enough to stop filling in the grooves, and stops going over the edge, you can stop and just let it start to dry.
9. To keep dust off surface, you could cover each project with large cardboard box. Avoid touching project with box. This usually isn't necessary, though, unless you are outdoors.
10. Leave 24 hours or more to completely dry. (48 hours is better)
11. HINT: to remove gloss from hair and clothing, use De-Solv-It. This is the BEST! It is available at most stores like Wal*Mart on the cleaning isle or the laundry isle.