MOG CRAFT PROJECT: REVERSE PAINTING ON GLASS

MATERIALS

Picture frame, any size, with glass

Sharpies, fine and regular tip

Paint brushes

Acrylic paint

Aluminum foil (optional)

Cappy Thompson is an American artist living and working in the Pacific Northwest. *Gathering the Light*, one of her large scale pieces, is on display in the Museum’s Grand Hall. She uses a technique called Grisaille Painting, as well as Reverse Painting on glass to create her artwork. For more information, visit [cappythompson.com](http://cappythompson.com).

1. Take the backing out of your frame.

2. Draw a design on the back side of the glass using the Sharpies. The fine tip is great for detail and the regular tip works well to define the outline.

3. Now, it’s time to paint your design. Since we are reverse painting, start by painting the details first. For example, if you were painting a flower, you would paint the center disk first, then the petals, then the stem and grass, the opposite of how one would usually paint it.

4. Let the coats of paint dry before changing color, so they don’t mix.

5. When you’re finished painting, add the optional piece of foil to fill in the background and add a reflective quality.

Tip! For easier drawing, trace a picture through the glass.