

Grandparents' Day

HAND-LETTERED PICTURE FRAME



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9/6 @ 2pm

Provided Supplies:

- Wood panel (stained)
- Sand paper
- Stencil
- Chalk (white)
- Fine tip oil paint pen (white)
- Hinge clip
- Thumbtack
- Scrap cardstock

Additional Supplies:

- Pencil
- Masking tape
- 4x6 photo
- Paper towels
- Clear coat - varnish/polyurethane/etc (optional)

Instructions:

1. **Sand your panel** to achieve your desired level of distressing. Wipe afterwards with a damp paper towel to remove any dust.
2. **Apply a thick layer of chalk to the back of the stencil.** Only apply chalk to areas with text. Gently brush off any loose chalk powder.
3. **Align the stencil on your panel,** making sure the chalk side is facing the panel. Secure the stencil to the panel using masking tape.
4. Using a pencil, **trace the outline of all text on the stencil.** Press down as hard as you can without tearing the paper. Be sure to only trace over what you want to transfer to the panel.

Avoid applying pressure to other areas of the stencil.

5. **Remove the stencil** and the tape, revealing a chalk outline on the wood panel of your text.
6. Read and follow the instructions on your paint pen for getting it started. Use the scrap cardstock to **get the paint started in your paint pen.** You will want to keep this scrap nearby to routinely adjust the flow of paint in your pen as you work.
7. Using the paint pen, **trace over your chalk outline** and fill in. For best results, apply only a light layer as your first coat and layer on repeated coats as needed to obtain desired results. Be careful not to drag your hand over your chalk tracings as they will rub off easily. Allow white paint to dry completely between coats.
8. After all of your white paint has dried, use the thumbtack to **attach the clip.** You can use the dot on the stencil as a guide to position the clip in the center of the frame. For best results, use the tack independently to start the hole. Then take the tack out of the panel completely, position the clip onto the thumbtack, and push it the rest of the way into the wood with the clip attached.
9. Use the clip to **attach your photo.**