

Using Chipboard

You too can make your very own Lil Davis inspired chipboard tiles. It's easier than you think.....

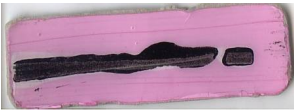


You'll need: Chipboard/coverboard. (scraps are fine), paint, alphabet stamps, sand paper, Crystal Lacquer, scissors, ruler, corner rounder.



Making the tiles will only take you half an hour or so, most of the time is spent allowing for drying.

Step 1: Using a low water content paint (e.g Jo Sonja) paint your chipboard the required background colour. We used black. Let Dry.



(this tile was made using cheap Apple Barrel paints. The water content was too high and the layers of chipboard separated. Sanding was hard and tile took days to dry properly.)

Step 2: Measure your stamps and cut the painted chipboard into tiles a similar size.

Step 3: Apply a contrasting colour to the stamps. I like the uneven effect gained by dipping my stamp straight into the paint, but you may prefer to roll or brush it on. Carefully stamp onto your tile. To avoid blurring the letter lift the stamp straight off, quickly. E.g. \uparrow not $\rightarrow/$ (peeling off on an angle) Allow to dry.

Step 4: Using the corner rounder punch, round off your corners then with the sand paper neat the edges and distress the surface.

Step 5: Apply a coat of Crystal Lacquer. It will flow freely so don't squeeze bottle too hard. To avoid air bubbles don't lift the tip while applying. You'll need to leave to dry over night.



Hint: for a crackled finish bend your tiles just before they are completely dry and the Crystal lacquer will crack.

