

# When \* \* Creativity Knocks

All-Star Designer Spring Series



## Flower Garden Etched Glass Panel

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Welcome Spring into your home by crafting your own flower garden glass panel. Take a plain picture frame, add a little etching, a little colored pencil, a little embossing and finish off with a cute butterfly and you've got yourself a fun garden that blooms year round!

### Materials:

- Floating glass picture frame
- etchall® etching crème
- etchall® etchmask self adhesive vinyl and transfer sheets
- JudiKins rubber stamps: Mince Flowers & Leaves
- JudiKins Embossing Powder – Forest Twinkle
- Loew Cornell® Woodsies Sticks & Shapes Value Set
- Loew Cornell® wood butterfly
- Beacon® 527 Multi-use glue
- Sizzix® eclips®2 DIY electronic cutter

- Ann Butler ColorBox Crafter's™ Ink pad - Evergreen
- StazOn ink pad – jet black
- Clear self-adhesive shelf vinyl (“Contact paper”)
- Westcott® Titanium Bonded scissors
- Colored pencils
- Heat embossing tool
- Needle tool
- Paint brush
- Masking tape
- Razor blade
- Cookie sheet
- Plastic gloves
- Glass cleaner and paper towels

**Instructions:**

1. Prepare your artwork using the Ecal software included with the Sizzix® eclips®2 cutter. The flowers are the “Flower Lace Edge” design from the eclips online store and the stems are from the “Flower 1” design which you'll find in the “Spring” folder included in the machine library. The flower pots are created from two rectangles skewed slightly.
2. Load a sheet of etchall® vinyl into the Sizzix eclips2 and cut the design.
3. Use the needle tool to “weed” or remove the excess vinyl from the cut yellow vinyl sheet.
4. Remove the backing release paper from an etchall transfer sheet to expose the adhesive. Press the sticky transfer sheet onto the yellow flower vinyl and smooth down well. Flip the sheets over and carefully peel away the original backing of the yellow flower vinyl. The flowers should now be backwards and sticky side up.
5. Remove both glass pieces from the picture frame. Clean the glass with glass cleaner. Set aside one piece of glass for now. Use a piece of masking tape to attach one end of the transfer sheet to one end of the piece of glass. The masking tape will act as a hinge allowing you to carefully and slowly smooth the vinyl onto the glass with one hand as you hold the other end of the transfer sheet up with your other hand. Smooth down well.
6. Carefully peel away the transfer sheet so that the yellow vinyl design stays adhered to the glass.
7. To protect the back of the glass during etching, cut a piece of clear contact vinyl and apply it to the back of the glass. Repeat for the second sheet of glass.
8. Stamp the front of the first piece of glass using the JudiKins Mince Flower stamp and StazOn ink. Ink the stamp generously so that you get a nice heavy coat on the glass. Use a paper towel and glass cleaner to carefully remove any ink from the inside of the flower designs. Use the embossing tool to dry the ink.

9. Stamp the front of the second piece of glass and dry the ink.

10. Place the first piece of glass on the cookie sheet. Use the brush to liberally spread etchall etching crème onto the glass. Be gentle to avoid disturbing the stamped ink. Let sit 10 minutes. \*\*Tip – wear plastic gloves when working with the etching crème.

11. Scoop the etchall back into the jar being careful not to disturb the stamped ink. Wash the glass with lots of water. The ink will wash off easily. Use the razor blade to remove the yellow vinyl. Peel off the clear contact vinyl from the back of the glass. Clean with glass cleaner.

12. Etch the second piece of glass following the above steps.

13. Use the colored pencils to fill in the etched flowers.

14. Place the picture frame on the cookie sheet. Stamp the frame with Ann Butler Color Box ink pad and the JudiKins stamp. Sprinkle with JudiKins embossing powder and tap off the excess powder. Use the embossing tool to melt the embossing powder. Repeat for the back of the frame.

15. Reassemble the picture frame by sliding the two pieces of glass back in place.

16. Select four small hearts from the Woodsies package. Color the hearts with yellow colored pencil. Glue the hearts to the etched flower pots with Beacon® 527 Multi-use glue. Let dry.

17. Use colored pencils to decorate the Woodsies butterfly. Glue to the front corner of the picture frame. Let dry.