

DIAMOND TECH CRAFTS: *A Generation Green™ Recycling Project*



Tuscany Wine Bottle Vases

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SKILL LEVEL: 2

(1 being the easiest, 5 being most difficult)

TIME TO COMPLETE: 2 days

PROJECT TIP

- Always, wear safety goggles when using glass-crafting tools. Everyday eyeglasses have only impact resistant lenses.
- To ensure top performance keep your bottle cutter oiled.

MATERIALS CHECKLIST

- **Generation Green** (g2)
- 2 Wine Bottle – 750 ML
- Mod Podge™
- Paint Brush
- Studio Pro ¼" Copper Foil
- Pencil or Fid
- Two Part Epoxy or Glass Glue
- Wine labels or a 3.5 image



INSTRUCTIONS

Read and carefully following the instructions contained within the **Generation Green™** (g2) bottle cutter manual.

1. Cover the work area with craft or newspaper.
2. Measure 4.75" up from the bottom of each wine bottle and mark with a Sharpie®.
3. Using the bottle cutter, score and separate where indicated.
4. Smooth the rough edges as instructed in the bottle cutter manual.
5. Clean the cut edges of the bottle thoroughly with a vinegar/water solution and clean cloth. Foil will not stick properly if your glass is dirty or oily.
6. For this project, only foil the cut edges of two bottoms and one top. Start with ¼" (1.5 ML thick) copper foil. Peel back 3"- 4" of backing from the foil. Center the edge of your glass on the sticky side of the foil. Always "start" your foil on the backside of the project. Wrap the entire cut edge with foil and overlap the ends ¼" (FIG. 1). Use a scissors and clip the curved edges around the lip of the glass (FIG. 2).
7. Press the foil down a little bit at a time to prevent bunching. Use a fid (if you don't have a fid, a pencil or Popsicle stick can be substituted) and burnish (rub) the surface of the foil to the edge of the glass. Press firmly, however too much pressure may cause the foil to tear (FIG. 3).
8. To create the pedestal vase, place the bottom of the wine bottle with the opening facing down on the table. Place a large dollop of glass glue in the middle of bottom and insert the top, neck first into the glue. Hold in place until the glue sets up. (TIP: Place a small level on the top of the glass to make sure the vase sits straight.) Allow to dry overnight. Periodically check the level to insure your



FIG. 1



FIG. 2

pedestal dries straight. Should it start to tilt, simply move it back into place and hold for a minute for the glue to set-up.

9. Next, either use your favorite wine label or print one from the internet. Labels should be at least 3.50" tall.
10. To prevent the bottle from rolling while you decoupage, place it on an old pillow or a Ziploc® bag filled with rice.
11. Apply the wine label to the bottom portion of the small vase and the top portion of the pedestal vase, using the decoupage medium. Once dry, apply several coats to the surface of the wine label, allowing each layer to dry before applying the next.
12. Allow to dry thoroughly before using.
13. You are now ready to tuck your favorite bouquet into each or insert a pillar candle to create a couple flickering two beauties.



FIG. 3