

Painted/Sharpie Christmas Mug Ideas



Supplies:

- White cup
- Acrylic paint
- Acrylic paint sealer
- Oven
- Sharpie

[Pinterest link:](#) You will have to scroll to find this project. In the comments they have some answers that you might have.

DIY Christmas Sharpie Mugs



Surely you've seen this craze going around Pinterest? I honestly can't count the number of links I came across before I finally decided to give this project a go. And once I started looking into the technique, I was amazed at how many people have tried it. Then I also was a little worried about the number of people that had poor results!

Most of the tutorials will tell you to draw your design on the mug with a regular Sharpie marker, then bake it in the oven at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. I read other suggestions that said to bake it longer or at a higher temperature. Some recommended a special type of Sharpie. Some just said it wasn't worth the time because it won't work. Well I'm brave so I decided to give it a go and see what happened.



Initially, I picked up 8 coffee mugs. They are off white ceramic mugs and more curved than the standard coffee mug shape. After we finished the first batch, I went back to the store and bought about 20 more. Everyone got a mug from us this Christmas! And we had so much fun doing them!

To get started, remove any stickers and wash and dry the mugs completely.

Then gather up all the supplies and choose a design. Since we were planning on giving these away as Christmas gifts, I wanted the kids to be involved in making them as well. All of the mugs have the kids' thumbprints incorporated into the design. My favorite are these little reindeer inspired from a project found [here](#).



The thumbprints are all done using acrylic paint. I used the end of a paintbrush dipped in paint to make the nose, although this could also have been done with a red Sharpie. The rest of the drawing, the eyes and antlers, and sayings, are all done with the regular Sharpies. It's a little trickier than you'd think to write across the mug with a Sharpie. My cursive wasn't the greatest, but that just makes it more personalized!



I let them dry on a baking sheet for about 15 minutes while also preheating the oven. I decided to up the temp to 375 degrees to make sure it worked! I put the whole thing in the oven for 35 minutes just to be safe!

Pull them out of the oven carefully and leave them on the baking sheet until they are cooled completely. After that they got another wash and dry and were ready to be gifted! I wouldn't recommend putting these in the dishwasher, but the paint and marker shows no signs of coming off after hand washing.



We also did a version using a silver Sharpie for the cord and pastel colored lights. Don't forget to add the date!

[Website link](#)

DIY Sharpie Mug

I am in LOVE with this simple **DIY Sharpie Mug**. We made these at Peyton's class Holiday Party this year and not only did the kids love them but so did his teacher and the parents. I got so many messages after the party that I decided I had to share this simple DIY project with you.

Not only is it perfect for Holiday parties, gift giving and snow days it is Frugal and a gift that will last a lifetime. The kids LOVED creating these mugs. I was touched by how many of them chose to make them as gifts. Not only did they let their creative juices flow as we created Snowmen Mugs you could literally purchase any color of mug and create these mugs for any occasion. This is the perfect DIY gift!



DIY Sharpie Mug:

We are sure you have seen these Sharpie Mugs all over Pinterest, but you may have heard that they are a Pinterest Fail too. In fact my friend made them with regular sharpies and learned the hard way. This step-by-step instructions not only shows you how to make them AND tips on which markers won't wash off! This is such a fun, easy project and DIY gift idea! We hope you love it as much as we did! Best of all you can make this project for around \$1.00!

Supplies:

- Plain Mug (white or any solid color will work) – you can pick these up at the Dollar Store
- [Oil Based Sharpie Markers](#) (Not Regular Sharpie Markers) – you can order online OR pick up at craft store
- Pencil, optional



Directions:

1. Wash and dry your new mugs and remove any price stickers from the bottom.
2. Using a pencil sketch your design on the mug (this is optional as you can always free-hand your design with the markers).
3. Draw your design with (oil based) [sharpie markers](#).
4. Allow to dry without smudging by placing your hand inside the mug to stabilize while you complete your design.
5. Place mugs on a cookie sheet and bake in a 350 degree oven for 30 minutes to "cure" the design.
6. After the mugs cool completely you can hand wash and use.



NOTE: The Sharpie Mugs are NOT dishwasher safe. I repeat the Sharpie Mugs are NOT dishwasher safe. However we have used and hand washed our mugs a dozen times since we created them and the design is still there with no fading! I would personally NOT advise you to write on the interior of the mug for safety concerns.

Also you can use this mug as a flower pot, pencil holder or just for decoration if you desire instead of for traditional use. I think this would be the most amazing gift idea if you fill the mug with candy, coffee, tea, fuzzy socks or really the sky's the limit! Best of all, I love handmade gifts. This is a really precious gift idea for parents, grandparents or any one on your gift giving list!

[Website Link](#)