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materials

Empty Mexican soda pop bottle Assorted colors of dry microfine glitter with applicator tip Acrylic craft paint in assorted colors High-gloss water-based polyurethane spray varnish Assorted paintbrushes

Toothpick Small dish

VARIATIONS This glitter-painting technique can be used on just about any surface. For a lighter look, use microfine glitter glue instead of paint.

Glittery soda pop vases

On a dry, hot day, there is nothing more refreshing than an icy cold soda. This project is the ultimate homage to the many tasty Mexican carbonated beverages on the market. But it's not just the distinctive drinks that are appealing; their bottles are also a treasure. They are usually embossed, painted, and decorated to match the theme of the bubbly contents. Glitter not only intensifies this art, but also celebrates it.

Yield: Makes one vase

- Thoroughly wash and dry the bottle. Begin working from the inside of the design out. Squeeze the desired color of paint into a small dish. Dip the toothpick in the paint and carefully trace over the letters on the label. Quickly sprinkle the dry microfine glitter over the paint so it sticks. Touch up any areas that were missed. Continue the process of finishing the entire label in different colors of microfine glitter. For larger areas, use a liner brush. Let dry.
- **2.** Repeat the process for the top of the bottle.
- **3.** Cover the remaining and largest area of the bottle with a larger brush, working a section at a time.
- **4.** Let dry and then look over the bottle for any bare spots. Fill in as needed.
- **5.** Seal with a high-gloss water-based spray varnish. Let dry and then add your favorite flowers.



Tip Use bottles that have the label painted or embossed on them, as opposed to paper labels.

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