

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM**  
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CH #221

**SPONGE PAINTED MATZAH COVER**

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**SUPPLIES REQUIRED**

- 3 paints that puff (tan/ecru/brown)
- 4 dishes, one for each color paint
- 1 kitchen sponge cut into 2" x 2" squares, dampened
- 1 sparkle gold paint
- 1 stencil of a Passover theme (matzah/Passover/seder plate)
- 1 cardboard
- Heated iron, 1 towel
- Cotton or blended cotton/poly table napkin

**STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Place the cardboard under the napkin.
2. Lightly sketch the stencil onto the napkin
3. Moisten the sponge for use with all paints.
4. Squirt a small amount of dark brown paint into a dish and blot all over the napkin using the sponge.
5. Sponge randomly on the napkin, leaving room for the other two colors.
6. Repeat step 5 using the ecru paint, even covering the dark. brown. Be careful not to totally cover the stencil.
7. Repeat step 6 with tan paint.
8. The paint we have used must be heat set. Using an iron and a towel, heat on the back side of the napkin.
9. Outline and fill in the stencil with gold paint.
10. Squirt gold paint into a dish and sponge on top of all the paint for highlighting.
11. Sign your work.
12. Add your own special effects by painting Jewish stars on the corners or by adding fringes.
13. Enjoy your creation on Passover.

**GENERAL NOTES:**

- The paint we used was from TRE-CHEM. They are a nation-wide franchise company sold only through home parties. However, these types of paints are also available from craft stores.
- When using this as a Sisterhood project, each woman received a plastic bag that contained the following:
  1. sponge
  2. plate
  3. napkin
  4. tan and gold paint
  5. a piece of cardboard, so that the napkin can be taken home without smudging

The ecru and brown paints were enough to share with 3 or 4 people.