



## Pros of Glass Palettes

When I started using Genesis paint, I discovered the joy of a glass palette. However, it is perfect for any medium.

The one reason to use this type of paint palette is its easy cleanup. Another advantage of using this type of art palette is that paint glides over its smooth surface. This makes mixing paints much easier because there is no resistance as you pull them across to the mixing area.

The best reason to use glass palettes is that it saves money. Disposable palettes are very convenient but they are a one time use. Plus, there's no need to buy a glass palette from an art supply shop. For example, you can make your own palette out of an old window, glass table tops and the glass from picture frames. You can use any piece of glass, in fact, as long as it doesn't have sharp edges. Tape the edges of your glass with painter's or drafting tape to protect your hands from cuts.

## Cons of Glass Palettes

Glass paint palettes only have one huge problem: they break. When I take a palette out of my studio, I have it in a case. Our wood guy makes them for us so we can even paint the lid if desired.



## How to Clean Glass Palettes if you use Traditional Oil or Acrylic

The easiest way to clean a glass palette is by scraping dry paint from the surface. This can be done with a razor blade or any straight-edge blade. For safety reasons, I prefer to use a pocket knife so that my hand is nowhere near the blade.

Use this process for the best results:

- Sit in a low chair.
- Position a small trash basket between your knees.
- Brace the palette against one of your knees and hold the palette at an angle.
- With the other hand, push the blade across the surface, wedging it underneath paint globs as you go.

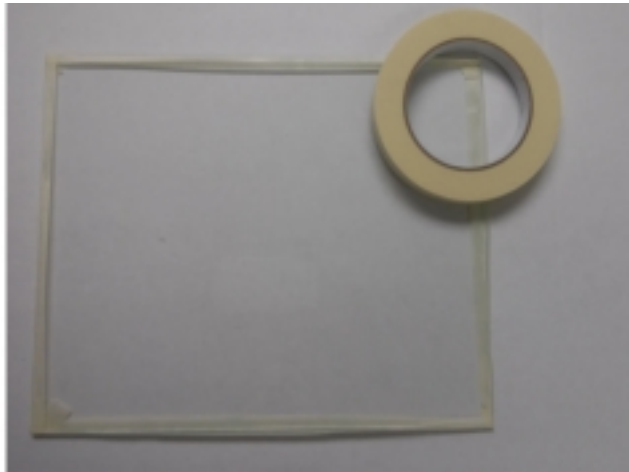
## How to Clean Glass Palettes if you use Genesis Heat Set Oils

Since the paint does not dry, scrape all of the paint using a plastic paint scraper (or those great Pampered Chef stoneware scrapers) and scrape all of the paint into a pile. This will be perfect for neutralizing a color later or to create a dull background. No matter what, this concoction seems to always to become a warm brown.

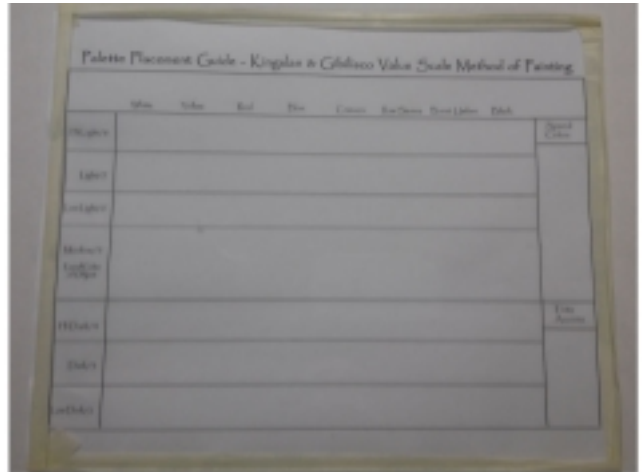


# How to Label a Glass Palette

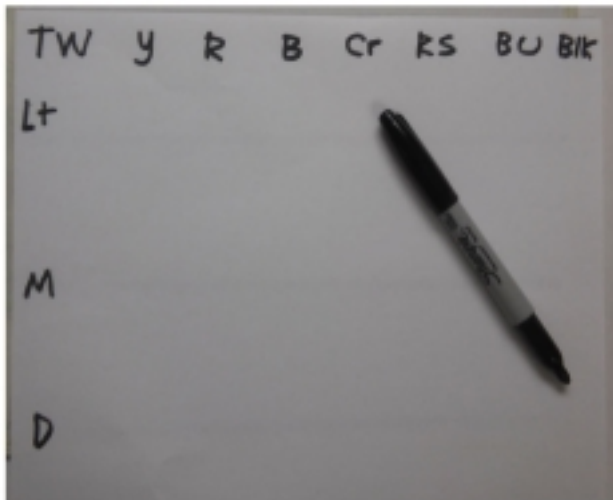
Sue Stone from WV shared how she labeled her palette.



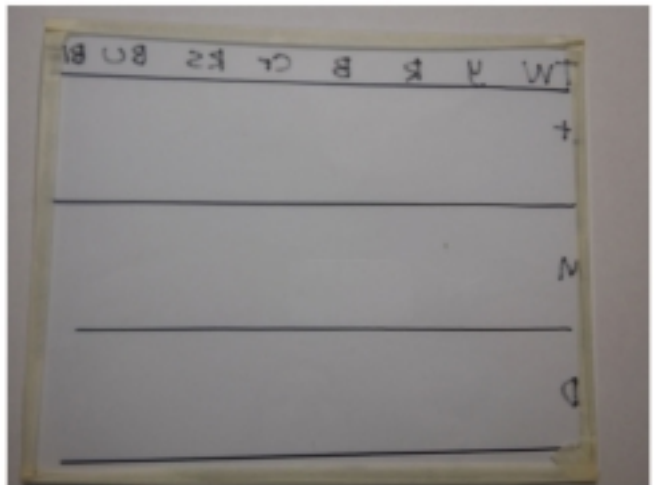
1. Tape Edges with drafting or masking tape.



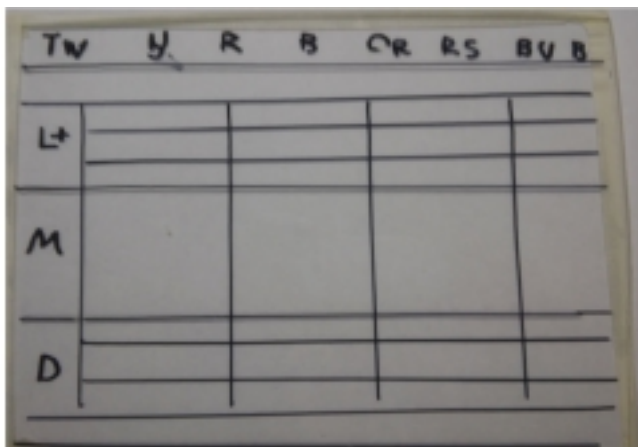
2. Option One: Place Palette Guide under glass



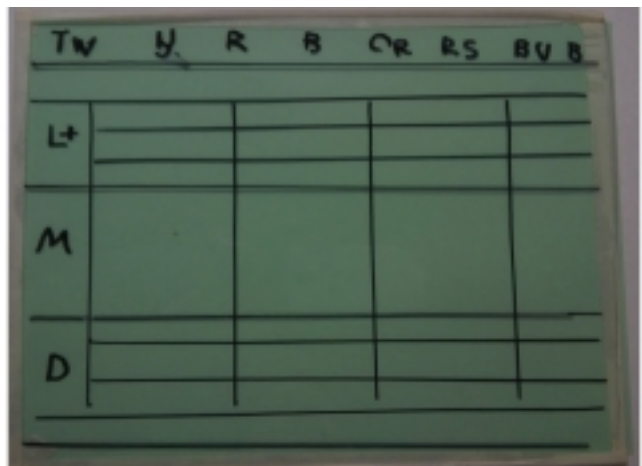
3. Option Two: Create Palette Guide Using Sharpie



4. Reverse sheet and place under palette. Trace letters with sharpie and add horizontal lines.



5. Flip glass over - writing is now on reverse so as to not to damage guidelines during mixing process.



6. Optional - add a sheet of paper prepared with your painting's background color. This will help determine how your colors will appear on the painting surface.