

# Make This! Renter-Friendly DIY Typography Wall Art

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When you're renting, wall art can be a sensitive subject. Usually, it involves a whole lot of holes in the wall or a whole lot of painting, only to have to spackle and paint the walls again when you move out. Luckily, I have a solution that won't harm your walls and definitely makes a big impact, without a single hole or drop of paint.



This project will take the better part of an afternoon to complete, but if you have help the whole process will go by much faster.

## SUPPLIES

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1. one to two yards of fabric (depending on the size of your letters)
2. fabric scissors
3. fabric fray block
4. paint brush
5. a pencil for tracing
6. 1/4 cup of corn starch
7. 4 1/2 cups of water
8. one medium-sized pot for boiling the water
9. a level and painter's tape



## HOW-TO

### Step 1

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Select a font that you really like and have it printed to the size that you want your final piece to be.

Local printers or copy shops can do this for you pretty inexpensively, but if you aren't able to have it printed to the size that you want, you can draw the letters by hand on your own. There are plenty of fonts that you can recreate on your own; just take a lot of measurements and make sure to get the angles right.

### Step 2

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Next, lay out your fabric and run an iron over it a few times to steam out any wrinkles.

## Step 3

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Cut out your letters carefully and then flip your fabric over, so the wrong side is facing up. You'll map out the letters on this side to hide the pencil marks.

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Since you are writing on the backside of the fabric, be sure to also flip your cut- out letters over to match. Trace each letter and then cut each one out carefully with fabric scissors.

## Step 4

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Use a very small amount of fray block on the outer edges of each letter to make sure that you don't have any fly-aways.

If you use too much fray block on the edges, it could turn the edges white, so be sure to follow the directions and use sparingly.

## Step 5

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Now it's time to mix your 'glue'. A simple corn starch and water recipe will adhere the letters to your wall without damaging the paint. And the best part is, you can easily pull the fabric right off if you move, or if you want to switch things up!

I used [this recipe](#) from How About Orange (Bring four cups of water to a boil. In a separate bowl, mix 1/4 cup of corn starch with 1/2 cup of cold water. Then add all of the boiling water to the mixture and stir.).

## Step 6

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Using a level and some painter's tape, create a straight line on the wall to act as your guide for the letters.

## Step 7

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Next, apply the corn starch mixture to the back of your first fabric letter generously with a paint brush.

It works best to do one letter at a time. Apply glue, attach it to the wall, apply glue to the next one, attach it to the wall, etc.

## Step 8

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Position your first letter on the wall where you want it, using your tape line as a guide. Press down firmly, smoothing out any bubbles or air pockets, and apply a top -coat of the corn starch mixture to keep it in place.

## Step 9

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Repeat this process for the remaining letters until the word or phrase is complete.

Don't forget to space the letters evenly from each other. Kerning can make a big difference in the final design, so place with care.

## Step 10

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Remove the painter's tape and enjoy your new wall art.



So what do you think? Want to tackle a typography project this weekend?





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