

Make your Own Scraperboard

Prepare the board

- Paint a board (e.g. mountboard) with 2 or 3 layers of Gesso – allowing each layer to dry thoroughly
- To ensure a smooth finish, sand the Gesso carefully with fine sandpaper (bumps and ridges in this layer might cause the scraper tool to “skip” while you’re drawing)
- If you want colour in the background you could add a layer of oil pastels

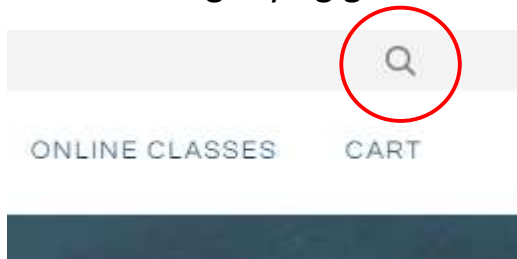
For the black layer:

- Mix 3 parts black acrylic paint with 1 part washing up liquid
- Paint this on the top of the prepared board – for a smooth finish use a foam applicator or a roller
- This could take several hours to dry properly
- Once dry the scraperboard is ready to use

There is a very good tutorial and some really nice examples of scraperboard artwork on the following website:

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