

# August Acrylic Calendar Back-Painting Steps

Create a smudge-proof seasonal border while keeping your daily schedule clear.

Paint vibrant sunflowers on the back of your acrylic board for a professional floating effect. Then, update your busy plans on the front without ever erasing your beautiful artwork.

## ● Key Measurements & Times

### 1/4-inch

Standoff gap for floating shadow effect

### 1 inch

Template placement above top date row

### 5 minutes

Wait time for corner swatch test

### 10 minutes

Minimum cure time for black outlines

### 20 minutes

Strict drying time before rehanging board

### September 1

Damp-cloth reset for liquid chalk

### Check for Opaque Coverage

*Hold a bright flashlight behind the painted acrylic to spot thin patches. Adding a second coat of liquid chalk ensures your sunflowers look brilliantly opaque.*



## ● Reverse-Painting Sequence

- 1 Swatch a back corner** Test a tiny yellow dot on the lower-left rear to ensure plastic will not permanently stain.
- 2 Write AUGUST backwards** Tape your printed mirrored template directly to the front and trace it on the back.
- 3 Black lines go first** Draw crisp petal outlines, seed dots, and thick drop shadows directly onto the rear acrylic surface.
- 4 Sunflowers on the back** Color aggressively over the dried black boundaries with yellow liquid chalk to create solid, vibrant petals.
- 5 Plans go on the front** Use standard teal or soft green dry-erase markers for daily schedules without touching the seasonal art.

## ● Hardware & Surface Guide

## Find your row: **Finish and mounting parts**

| Finish and mounting parts | Your pick             | Why                                            |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Clear gloss acrylic       | Wipes easily          | Non-porous surface releases liquid chalk.      |
| Frosted acrylic           | Holds pigment tighter | Matte finishes require careful swatch testing. |
| Silicone washer           | Behind acrylic        | Grips gently and protects the paint.           |
| Screw cap                 | Front face            | Secures board; hand-tighten to prevent cracks. |

## ● Prep & Reset Checklist

- Wipe rear surface with isopropyl alcohol and a lint-free cloth.
- Format month header, flip horizontally, print, and trim the paper template.
- Lay acrylic flat on a soft towel across your dining table.
- Dissolve August decoration using a thoroughly dampened microfiber cloth and pure water.
- Verify markers are water-based liquid chalk; avoid oil-based paint pens.

## ● Design Notes & Ideas

Enjoy your bright, organized August, and have fun painting those cheerful summer sunflowers!