

## Hieroglyph Door Hanger



### Materials:

- Canvas board
- Beige, orange and/or yellow paint
- Permanent markers
- White glue or Podge medium
- Paper colour-printed hieroglyph letters (many options available online)
- Hot glue/glue gun
- String

### Instructions:

- Paint canvas board to look like papyrus. A good way to do this is to put down a layer of beige paint followed by a dry brush (load a dry flat brush with a small amount of paint and

wipe excess onto a paper towel or scrap of paper until a scratchy appearance is achieved. Apply to canvas in broad, long strokes.) This will provide a reedy woven look.

- Allow to fully dry.
- Lay out your hieroglyphs to spell the desired words. Above says "Elisabeth." You could also say "Jen's Room" or "Keep Out."
- Glue the letters to the board.
- Decorate the board with permanent marker designs of your choice. Look at ancient Egyptian artifacts for inspiration.
- Apply a mixture of white glue with a small bit of water (to make it spreadable) or podge medium with an old, clean paintbrush to the entire surface to seal the hieroglyphs.
- Allow to dry fully.
- With hot glue, attach a string to the back of the canvas at the top two corners. Leave enough slack to hang your board in the desired location. We suggest over a door knob.

For more on hieroglyphs, see [www.civilization.ca/cmce/exhibitions/civil/egypt/egcw02e.shtml](http://www.civilization.ca/cmce/exhibitions/civil/egypt/egcw02e.shtml)

### Tip

We learned our lesson the hard way. White school glue can go bad...very bad. If you have glue that is more than a year old and is no longer sealed, check it out before you count on it for your next special project. You may get a not so special surprise.