

## **Make a Personalized Mug**

Did you know that you can decorate your own mug at home using sharpies? Plain white or clear mugs can be found at the Dollar store if you can't find one in your cupboard. Be sure to follow all the steps below to make your design stick!

You will need: plain mugs, Sharpie markers (regular or oil-based both work), a baking sheet, and an oven (get help from a grown-up for this part!)

1. Wash your mug with warm, soapy water and dry thoroughly.
2. Decorate your mug with Sharpie markers.
3. Set your decorated mug on a baking sheet and let sit for at least 24 hours (a whole day!)
4. After 24 hours, put the baking sheet with your mug on it into a *cold* oven.
5. Turn on the oven and set it to 400<sup>0</sup> F and set a timer for 40 minutes. When your timer ends, turn the oven off but leave the mug inside the oven with the door closed.
6. Wait for the oven and mug to cool before taking it out of the oven.

Now you can use your mug in the microwave and in the dishwasher, and the design should stay on it. Make the recipe below and enjoy some hot cocoa in your personalized mug.

## **Homemade Hot Cocoa**

1/2 cup cocoa powder  
1/2 cup powdered sugar  
1/4 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp cinnamon  
1 Tbsp mini dried marshmallows (optional)  
1 Tbsp finely crushed candy cane (optional)

Stir about 2 Tablespoons...more or less to your taste...of the dry cocoa mixture into a cup (8 oz.) of hot/warmed milk of your choice: almond milk, coconut milk, oat milk, dairy milk, etc. until fully dissolved. Add marshmallows or candy canes if desired. Enjoy!

Keep any leftover mix in a sealed container or share some with a friend.