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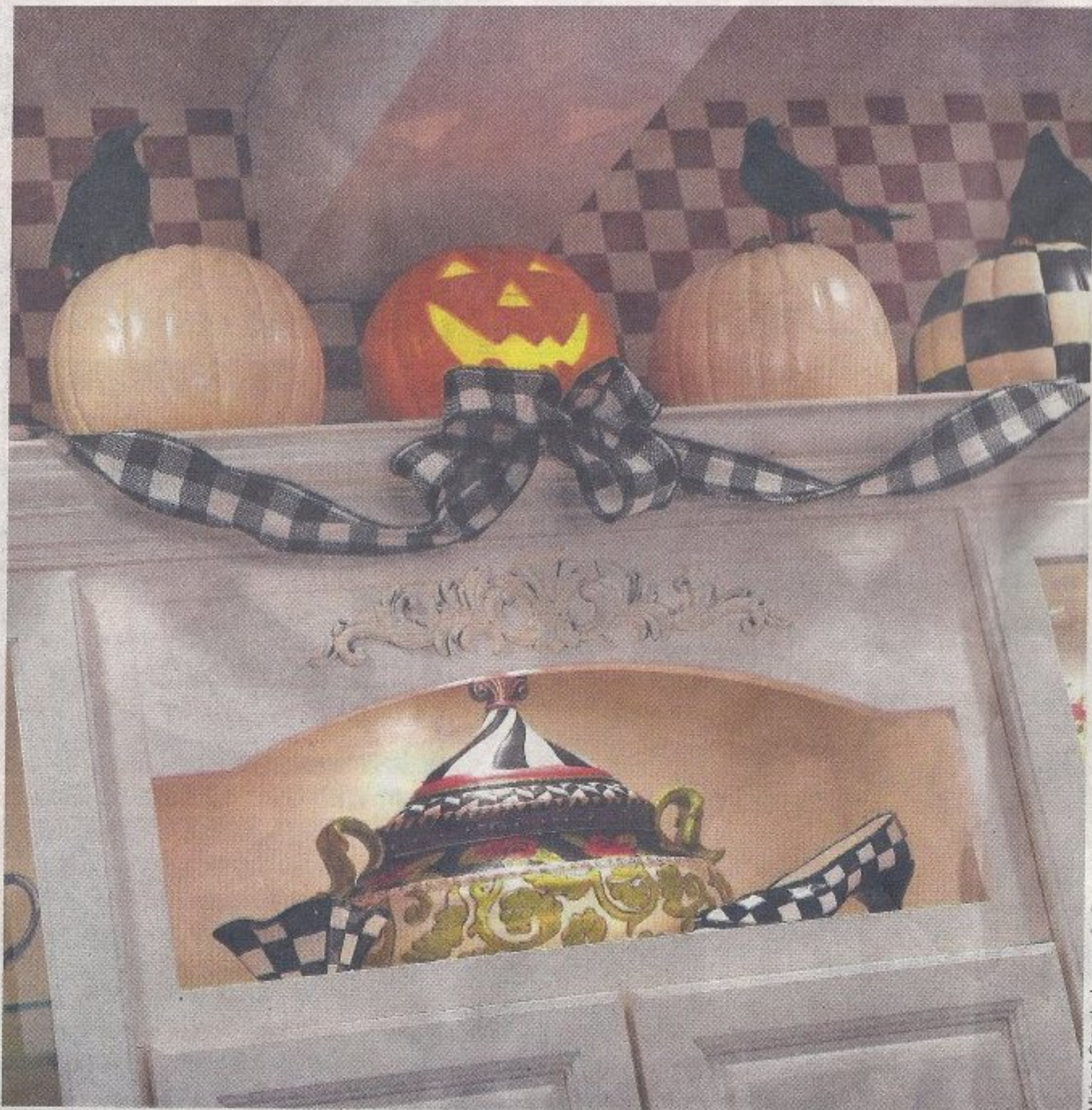
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## CUSTOM GLASS FINISHES ADD RICHNESS AND DRAMA TO INTERIOR DECOR

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Commonly found in the home, glass is a medium which lends itself well to creating unique accents for interior decor. Custom faux finishes such as ornamental etched, reverse gilded and painted techniques, can transform glass from transparent to eye-catching in just a few steps. Here's how I accented a dining room tabletop with a technique that can also be used on glass panels in cabinetry, armoires, entertainment centers and more.



**1** My client requested an interesting, custom glass finish to enhance a large dining room table top. I opted to create a faux 'reverse gilded' look by stenciling an endless vine pattern on the underside of the glass. After cleaning the glass, I sprayed stencil adhesive on the mylar template.



**5** The top surface of the glass, which will be cleaned often and used extensively, remains clear, durable, and easy to polish. The more delicate painted surface is protected on the underside.



**3** After the stencil pattern dried, I stippled a creamy white Queen Anne's Lace Lusterstone plaster over the glass with a roller and brush. Krylon Frosted Glass Spray also works as a background creating a beautiful cloudy, etched glass look.

**4** After allowing paint and pattern to dry, I placed the glass into position.

**2** Next, I stippled paint with a round stencil brush across the entire piece of glass. I realigned the stencil to maintain a continuous pattern and applied Brown Suede Lusterstone — a shimmery metallic plaster product (any metallic paint or plaster will work). Choose a color combination that best suits your decor. (I always practice technique finishes and possible variations by creating samples on pieces of glass tile or spare panes.)

**6** The end result can be a stunning accent and complement to the rest of your interior decor.

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