

## How to use alcohol ink

### What you'll need:

- Mask
- Alcohol ink (there are a variety of different brands)
- Non-porous surface such as glass, synthetic paper such as Yupo or Nara paper, or Acrylic sheet
- Isopropyl alcohol 70% or higher or Blending solution
- Heat gun, hair dryer, or air blower bladder
- Spray varnish

*Remember to use some kind of breathing protection or use in a well-ventilated room, isopropyl alcohol in large amounts isn't good for lungs.*

### **Step 1:**

Choose a non-porous surface.

### **Step 2:**

Drop isopropyl or alcohol blending solution onto surface, amount depends on how large of mark you wish make.

Drop a few drops of a chosen alcohol ink colour onto the wet alcohol/blending solution.

You can also premix the alcohol ink and isopropyl alcohol in a cup before dropping it on to the surface.

### **Step 3:**

Move with heat gun, hair dryer, or air blower bladder until ink is where you would like and mostly if not fully dry (careful that it is not too wet because it will continue to move and drip).

Once you are happy with the results, repeat **Step 2 & 3** with the same or a different colour.

**Tip:** Alcohol ink can be reworked after it has dried if you are unhappy with the lines or mixture.

Once the picture has been completed, I like to let it air dry for an hour or so due to the ink still being tacky, it should harden to touch.

Once you are happy with the final product, it is always good to seal it with a varnish to protect from damage.