## Metallic Ink and Color Shift on Grafix Opaque Black Film

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Create stunning effects on Grafix Opaque Black Film with metallic and iridescent alcohol inks.

## **Supplies:**

Grafix .010" Opaque Black Craft Plastic 9x12" Film Marabu Colour-Shift Glitter Alcohol Ink – Glitter Violet-Blue-Green, .67 fluid oz., 1 (or 2)

Jacquard Piñata Alcohol Ink Metallic in Brass, .5 oz bottle Krylon Kamar Varnish

Krylon UV Archival Varnish Satin

91% Isopropyl Alcohol or Ranger Alcohol Blending Solution Heat tool

Paper towels

Plastic sheeting or garbage bag(s)



## **Directions:**

- 1. On a flat surface, add 3 layers of paper towels, lay your 9" x 12" Grafix Opaque Black Craft Plastic Film on top. Cover the surface area with plastic sheeting or garbage bag(s) first.
- 2. From the upper right corner to the lower-left corner of the surface, carefully pour a slightly wavy line of alcohol 2-3" wide. (Do not flood the paper).
- 3. Shake well the bottle of Glitter Ink. Start dropping it into alcohol from corner to corner; if the ink isn't coming out easily, open the bottle, and very carefully pour the ink onto the surface.
- 4. Use a heat tool to carefully move the alcohol and ink together, keeping a wavy line 3-5 inches wide from the upper right corner to the lower-left corner. Don't worry if ink goes too far or off the page; you can clean it off the surface with a small piece of the paper towel wet with alcohol. Add more ink and/or alcohol as needed to create a composition that you like. (Please be aware of holding heat tool in one place too long as it can start to warp and even burn the surface).
- 5. Wait one-two minutes. The Glitter ink will still be wet. While waiting, shake the Piñata Metallic Brass ink bottle. Look at the composition of your painting to find 3 areas to add the Metallic Brass.
- 6. In one location at a time, add several drops of alcohol, then a few drops of metallic ink. The ratio of alcohol to metallic ink is about 4:1. Be careful not to use too much. Use more alcohol if Metallic Brass isn't moving easily.
- 7. Working quickly, use a heat tool to move Metallic Brass ink around the Glitter ink, moving it into the black surface in places, to create a handsome composition. Add more alcohol and metallic brass as desired. When you are satisfied with the composition, stop.
- 8. Tear a paper towel into quarters, fold one piece in half, and add alcohol to the corner. Use to clean errant ink off the black surface. Repeat as needed.
- 9. Let your masterpiece dry for at least 2 hours.
- 10. In a <u>well-ventilated area</u>, Lay down plastic sheeting or garbage bag(s), then a couple of layers of paper towels. Place your art on top. Make sure to remove dust from the black areas of your painting.



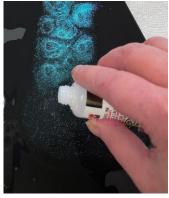
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Using a small piece of DRY paper towel, very carefully and lightly brush over the black areas (very important: keep away from the inked areas, as ink can smudge).

- 11. Shake a bottle of Krylon Kamar for 2 minutes as directed. Carefully spray a very light coat over the entire painting from 12-15" above. Let dry 15 minutes, and repeat.
- 12. After another 15 minutes, shake up Krylon Archival UV Varnish spray for 2 minutes as directed. Spray a light coat, same as above; wait 15 minutes and spray one last time. Let dry for 24 hours before handling.
- 13. Repeat the process with another 9" x 12" film and different Marabu color-shift glitter ink color, or repeat with original color.
- 14. You're done! Frame it, place it near a lamp in your home to see the color shift every time you walk by! (Make sure to keep out of direct sunlight).









Step 2

Step 3

Step 7

Step 8







**Final Color Shift** 



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