

Wet Media Dura-Lar Pet Portraits

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Create a portrait of your own pet or a gift for a friend using Grafix Dura-Lar Wet Media Film.

Supplies:

Grafix .004 Wet Media Dura-Lar Film
Black and white photocopy of your pet
Prismacolor Brush Tip Alcohol Based Markers
Card stock either white or Scrapbook paper
Golden Fluid Acrylic Paints
Clear Tape
Optional: Matte Sealant or Frame

Directions:

1. Study your pet portrait to look for areas of dark, medium, and light colors- an all-white or all-black pet will still have variations of color that you will use to define the pet face.
2. Choose your marker colors. I chose shades of grey and black for my first example and added a bit of eye color with a brown marker.
3. Place the Grafix Wet Media Dura-Lar Film over the photocopy. You will see where the areas of color are through your Dura-Lar film.
4. Begin with the lightest color of marker and use sweeping hairlike strokes in the direction of the hair following and filling in the lightest colored areas.
5. Use the middle color of the marker to fill in the medium-colored areas of the photo overlapping and stroking a bit into the lighter areas that you already colored to make it look like the lightest marker areas are the highlights of your portrait.
6. Use the darkest marker color to add the darks. Stroke into the medium areas of color at the edges where they meet to create blends of color.
7. Use the brown marker for a bit of color in the lower Iris of the eye and the black for the pupil of the eye and to add more definition to the portrait.
8. Place your portrait over the white paper and add more strokes and color if needed.
9. Add any details like a colorful collar or costume.
10. Your portrait can be finished as is or you can turn it over and add paint colors to the backside to give your portrait more personality.
11. Trim your portrait to size and place the background color of the paper behind the image. Secure with a bit of clear tape
12. Add a mat or not, and/or frame your artwork if you wish.



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