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Tips, color combos, and more!

Ultimate Guide to Alcohol Inks

Let's talk about alcohol inks!

I share color combos, tips and more in this guide!

Alcohol inks can give you some amazing backgrounds and cards, but working with them can be a bit overwhelming. I hope this guide will help give you the confidence you need to try them for yourself.

***Work in a well ventilated area and NEVER spray or splatter blending solution. Protect your work surface and wear gloves if you don't want your hands stained.**

Alcohol ink color combo inspiration

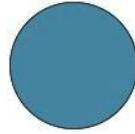
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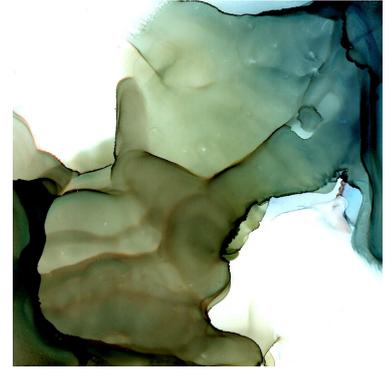
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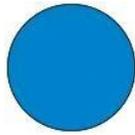
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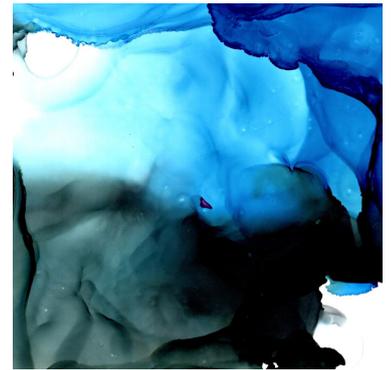
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Pitch Black



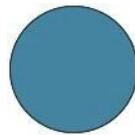
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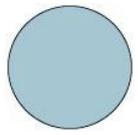
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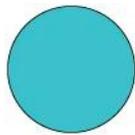
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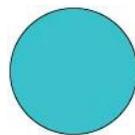
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Cloudy Blue



Aquamarine



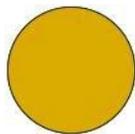
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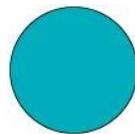
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Citrus



Dijon



Mermaid



***All colors are Ranger Alcohol Inks**

Mixative, Alloy, and Pearls

Alloy ink

Alloys are reflective metallic unique metal powders to create metallic highlights. Alloys will sit on top and not mix well with alcohol inks. They work great with isopropyl alcohol.

I love using alloys to splatter gold accents but **please do this with caution!**

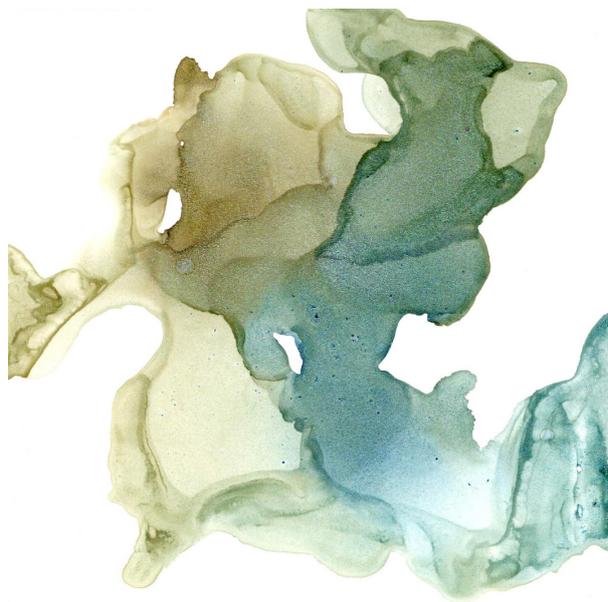
Pearl ink

Alcohol Pearls are permanent pigment and dye inks made to create pearlescent effects.

With pearls you have to use blending solution. They will not work with regular isopropyl alcohol. I love using the pearls on vellum. It is such a dreamy look.

Mixative Ink

Mixatives are pigment ink made to create beautiful highlights. These will mix together with alcohol inks. These work well with isopropyl alcohol. I have learned that a little goes a long way.



Alcohol Ink Tips And Techniques

Check out the video playlist I have over on YouTube! Click [**HERE!**](#)

Quick tip:

If you put isopropyl alcohol in a small **bottle with a fine tip** it will help control the amount of alcohol you add to the paper.

Alcohol lift ink:

If you want to take your alcohol inked backgrounds to the next level you can use some **alcohol lift ink** and some stamps. You ink up the stamp and just stamp it on any part of your background you want. (the lift ink will not lift up all)

Whispy effect:

To achieve the whispy look I find using a drop of alcohol ink color and 3 or 4 times the amount of isopropyl alcohol

Paper:

There are many surfaces alcohol inks work on. but they do work best on a non porous surface, like synthetic paper. I have tried several and my favorite is called **Craft Plastic**. It is cheap and I have a full review in this video [**HERE!**](#)

Inks:

Now let's talk **ink**. There are many different brands of Alcohol inks. I use a couple different brands. Ranger and Copic Refills. Between the two I get a wide range of colors!

Blower tool:

There are many tools that you can use to move the ink around but my favorite is actually a hair dryer. You can check out the video [**HERE!**](#)