CHERYL HOLZ - Prairie Sky Dragonfly

MATERIALS:
Grafix Opaque White Craft Plastic Film
Grafix Clear Film for Laser/Copier 8.5×11"
Grafix Double Tack Mounting Film
Clip art or drawing of dragonfly
Marabu Alcohol Inks in the following colors:
      Gentian
      Arctic
      Aqua green
      Vanilla
      Tangerine
      Cinnamon
      Rainbow
      Extender
Marabu Graphix aqua pen
Double sided tape
Rigid hardboard
Isopropyl Rubbing Alcohol 91%
Small spray bottle
Small palette
Paper towel
Old toothbrush
Brushes- Fan and fine
Burnisher
Scrap or deli paper
Xacto knife
ruler

1. **Wash in the sky**
Tape a 4" x 6" piece of Grafix Opaque White Craft Plastic Film to rigid board using double-sided tape. Squirt paper towel with alcohol, then squirt Gentian, Arctic, and Aqua Green on film along upper right edge. Swipe quickly across film, concentrating on top, fading towards the bottom. Work back in with blank paper towel to remove the clouds. Spritz wad of felt or paper towel with alcohol and lightly dab on for visual interest/more clouds, or spritz a toothbrush with alcohol and flick on.

2. **Adding grasses**
Apply vanilla, tangerine, and cinnamon alcohol inks in upward strokes, concentrating on the bottom portion of the page. Switch to narrow or fan brushes to pull out into grass like stalks. Apply inks directly to brush to add more color, or apply alcohol the brush to remove color.

3. "**Auditioning" dragonfly**
Make several copies of dragonflies onto Grafix Clear Film for Laser/Copier, trying different sizes/ positions. Lay them on top of background, playing around with positioning and scale. When pleased with size and position, make registration marks on the corners on the front with Marabu Graphix aqua pen for a reference and placement later. These will be rubbed off later.

4**. Back painting dragonfly**
Flip over Grafix Clear Film with the dragonfly printed on it so you are painting on the backside-not the side with the ink/toner on it. You can feel a slight difference in texture between the front and back. Apply Marabu rainbow alcohol ink additive directly to wings and body, spreading to cover entire area with small brush. Layer colors on wings and body, if desired, using Marabu alcohol ink extender for a gradual fade from darker colors to light.

5. **Attach dragonfly to Prairie sky**
Cut a piece of Grafix double tack mounting film slightly larger than background. Place background on scrap or deli paper to catch excess mounting film. Remove protective cover, then burnish well onto prairie background. Remove 2nd protective adhesive cover, and carefully position dragonfly above using registration marks as a guide. Be sure and have the backpainted side on the bottom, and the printed side on the top facing you. Place the protective paper you just peeled off over top of the dragonfly film, and burnish to remove any air bubbles. Trim edges when once adhered.

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