

Painting Flowers with Ink

Make a beautiful card/ booklet for a loved one, painted with Marabu Alcohol Inks on Duralar Matte Film. Add some special words to the inside of the card/ booklet by printing it on Clear Adhesive backed film for Inkjet. Add a blank sheet of paper to the inside of the card to write a note.

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Difficulty: Moderately Challenging

Materials

- Marabu Alcohol Inks: Olive Green and Caribbean (or other floral color)
- 9" x 12" piece of Duralar Matte Film
- Blank sheet of bond paper cut to 5.5" tall x 8.5" wide
- Clear Adhesive Backed Film for Inkjet with sentiment printed on it
- Elastic cord about 14" long
- Small stick from tree- fairly straight and about ¼" in diameter and 8" – 9" long
- 90% Isopropol Alcohol
- Pipettes
- Bone Folder
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Air propellant

- 1) Cut matte film in ½ so you have a card that is 6" high x 9" wide
- 2) Mark Center of width of the card (4.5 ")
- 3) Work on Right Hand side of the center of the card
- 4) Add one drop of Marabu Caribbean Ink wherever you want you flower to start
Blow the drop with Air Propellant (Keyboard cleaner)
You can also use a straw for this but I find it more difficult
Move the propellant in the shape that you want the flower petal to be
Keep layering one shape over the other until you have the look that you desire
Make petals like this all around the center of flower shape.
- 5) Add stem by drawing it with the pointed top of the Alcohol Ink bottle – Move quickly to keep it thin – you could also put some ink into a palette cup and draw the stem with a small paint brush
Put one drop of alcohol ink onto film using a pipette or eye dropper. Put one drop of alcohol ink next to drop of alcohol.
- 6) Blow with propellant to form desired shape
Layer another leaf over the top of this one and do it again. Keep repeating until you have the look and depth that you like. Only add alcohol to the ink if you want it a bit thinner to travel further when blown.
- 7) Add grass behind flower using the ink bottle top – move quickly to keep it thin
- 8) Corrections can be made with a small nylon brush, wet with alcohol
- 9) Set up document in your computer with the sentiment that you would like on the card
Set each sentiment so that it is centered in ¼ sheet of 8.5" x 11" of copy paper
This will make each sentiment 4.25" wide x 5.5" tall
- 10) Cut the film into 4 pieces by cutting it in half both length wise and width wise
You should now have 4 pieces that are 4.25" x 5.5"
- 11) Fold second half of Matte Film in ½ to make another card that is 4.5 in wide x 6" high
- 12) Apply Inkjet printed sentiment to the left side on the outside of the fold.
Peel adhesive off of back of film about 1/3 of the way
Line up top of Inkjet film with top of Matte film and burnish it gently with a bone folder
Remove the rest of the backing and slowly and gently apply the rest of the inkjet film to the folded matte film card. Again burnish gently with a bone folder

- 13) Fold painted piece of Matte film in half .
- 14) Fold Bond paper in $\frac{1}{2}$
- 15) Line up 2 pieces of film and sheet of paper at fold.
- 16) Burnish the fold hard to get them to fold as flat as possible
- 17) On the fold punch 2 - $\frac{1}{8}$ " holes about 1" in from the top and 1" in from the bottom of the card, punching through all three layers
- 18) Tie a knot in the ends of the elastic thread.
- 19) Loop thread so that knot is in the middle of the loop
- 20) Put one end of loop through top hole and around your stick. If you have a problem getting it through, use a paper clip or a crochet hook to help grab it.
- 21) Pull the other end of the loop through the bottom hole and loop it around stick.
The knot should still be in the inside of the card.
- 22) On the inside, pull the loop tight so that it is holding the stick and the pages together.
- 23) Tie another knot to hold everything tight and trim thread to size – including trimming off the first knot.
- 24) Push stick up so that bottom of stick is level with the bottom of the card,
Card will now stand on its own.