



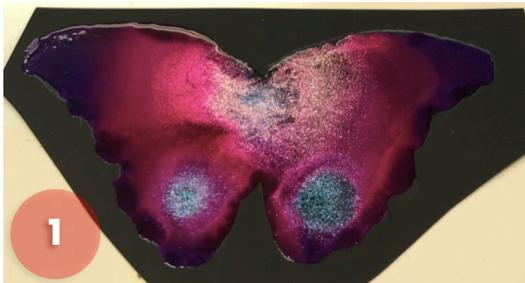
Lesson Plan

Iridescent Butterfly

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SUPPLIES

- Marabu Alcohol Inks & Extender
- Graphix Sketch Marker - black
- Grafix White Opaque Craft Plastic (WOCP)
- Grafix Black Dura-Bright
- Grafix Artist-tac adhesive
- Isopropyl alcohol
- Plastic straw, black brad
- Cutting board, craft knife, ruler
- Removable double-sided tape
- Butterfly die & die-cutting machine (or butterfly stencil and white pencil)



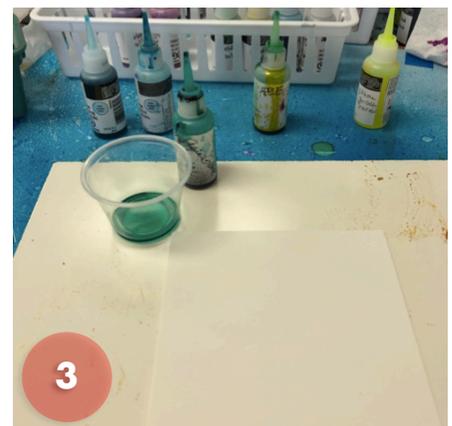
Die-cut or trace butterfly on to Dura-Bright. Paint it from the center out. Add a drop of Extender first, then drop a glitter color in the center, then add metallic colors along the edges. Drop some additional glitter color for dots on lower wings.

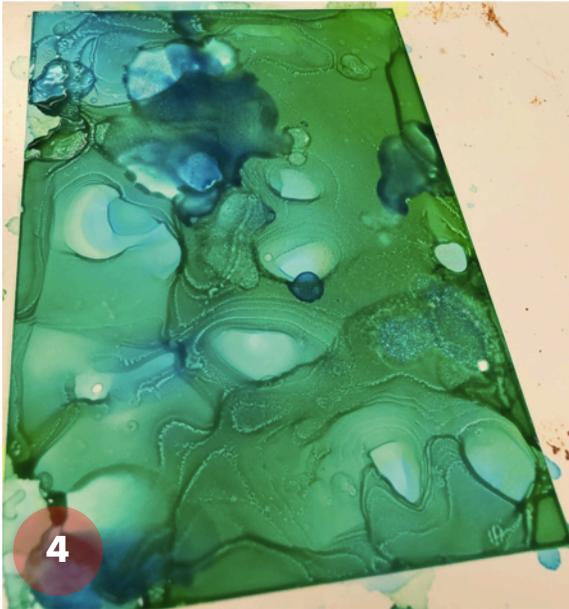
For the upper wings, add a small drop of isopropyl alcohol to clear color. Drop in metallic or glitter color. When ink is dry, flip the cut-out butterfly over and apply a small piece of double-sided tape in the center of the body to keep it in place. Paint underside as you did the front.



When the underside is dry, use the black Sketch Marker to add lines and details on top of the wings.

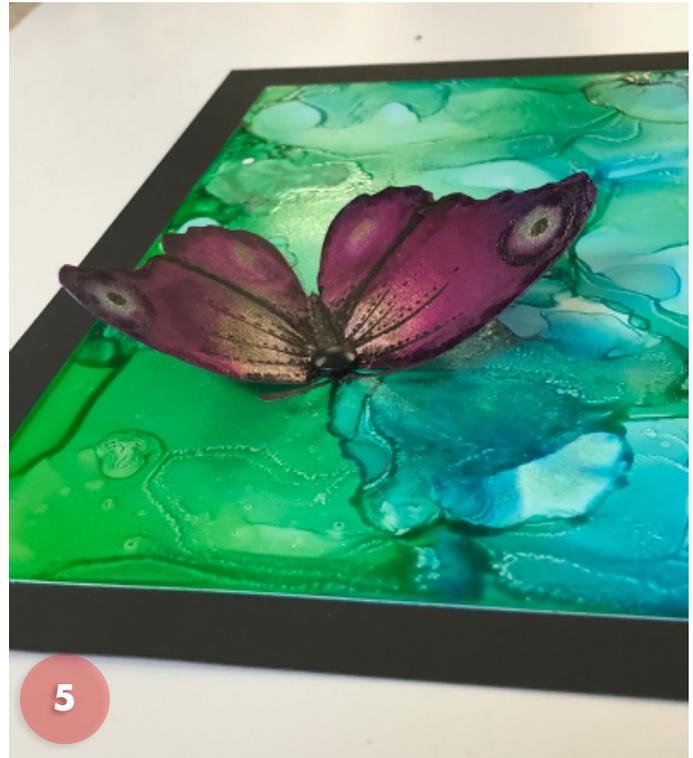
For the background panel, choose contrasting colors from your butterfly to paint on WOCP. I started with Arctic, Aqua Green, Apple, and Neon Yellow. Put a small amount of isopropyl alcohol in a small plastic cup and mix in a couple drops of Aqua Green to make a wash.





Drip some Extender and isopropyl alcohol on WOCP, then dribble some wash and tilt around. Drop other colors, then drag the straw flat along the surface to spread the ink and cover white areas. Add drops of glitter colors until you're happy with the overall look.

For an alternate background, use the straw to blow streaks of color across the surface to achieve a flower petal effect.



Use a ruler and craft knife to score two lines under either side of the butterfly's body and gently press the wings up. Make a small slit in the head for the brad. Make a slit through the background and attach the butterfly with the brad. Secure with glue if needed.

To frame your work, cut a sheet of Black Dura-Bright larger than your background and adhere together with Artist-tac.

