Marilyn Portrait with Alcohol Marker Hair Shading

A PROJECT FROM OUR LIVE SHOW - MONDAY SALE - 14 AUGUST 2023

ABOUT THIS PROJECT

A striking portrait of Marilyn stamped large on card and coloured with alcohol markers to create dimension in her hair. The technique uses layered brown tones to build highlights and shadows, creating a realistic halo effect around her face.

From the show: Monday Sale
Shown: 14 August 2023
The project starts: 23:00 into the show
In this guide: 9 steps

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YOU WILL NEED

- A5 Stamp Set - Beautiful Inside and Out - Marilyn - 140823A

STEP BY STEP

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STEP 1 OF 9

Stamp Marilyn in midnight hybrid ink onto white card.

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STEP 2 OF 9

Gather several brown alcohol markers in varying shades, from light to dark.

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STEP 3 OF 9

Start with your lightest brown shade and colour a section of hair, leaving white space as a halo effect.

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STEP 4 OF 9

Follow the hair lines in the stamp design, feathering the colour outward.

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Apply a medium brown shade over the lighter colour, concentrating on areas where the stamp shows darker lines.

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STEP 6 OF 9

Use your darkest brown to define braids and shadows, creating depth.

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STEP 7 OF 9

Go back over the white halo area with a very light colour to blend and soften the transition.

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Allow the markers to dry completely; the alcohol will evaporate and lighten the colour.

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STEP 9 OF 9

Optionally add white gel pen highlights to enhance the halo and catch light on the hair.

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TIPS FROM THE SHOW

- Alcohol markers dry lighter than they appear when wet, so go lighter than you think you need to.
- Leave white spaces in your halo and braids to create dimension and catch the light.
- Follow the stamp's line work—it does much of the shading work for you.

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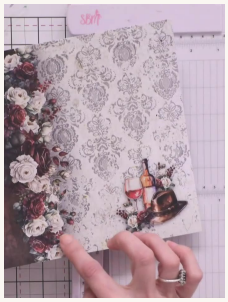
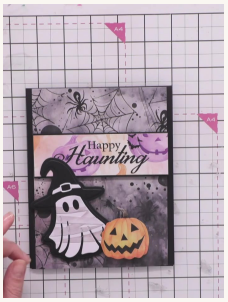

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