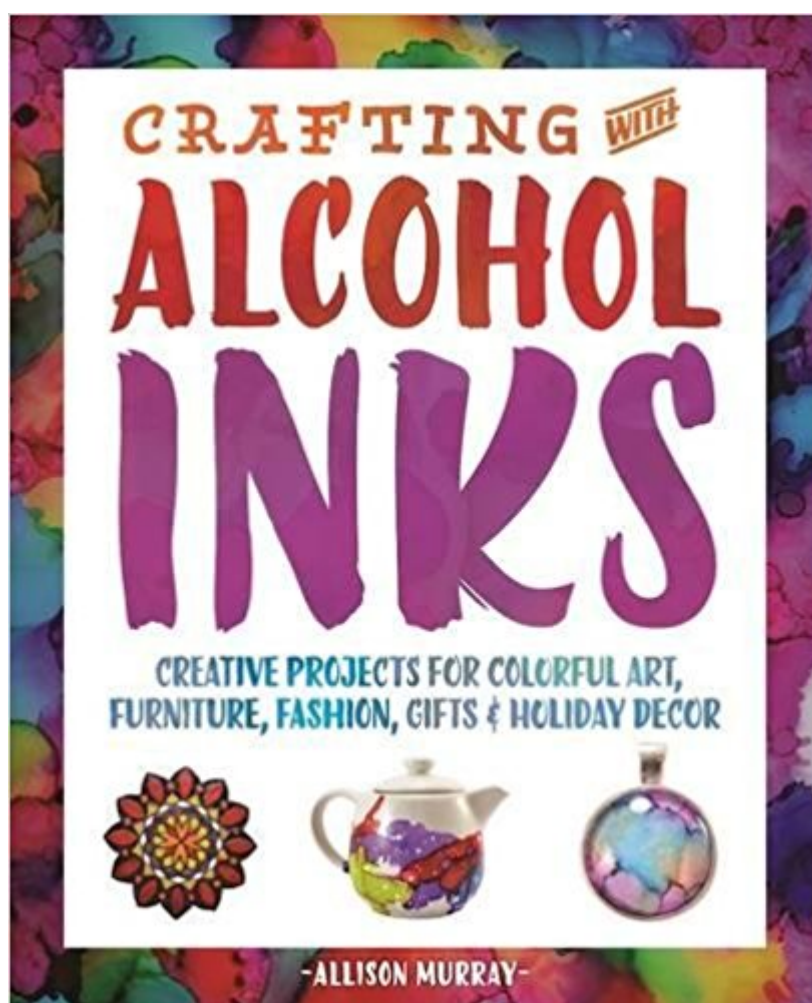


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Crafting With Alcohol Inks: Creative Projects For Colorful Art, Furniture, Fashion, Gifts And Holiday Decor



Synopsis

CREATIVE DESIGNS FOR ONE-OF-A-KIND, COLORFUL PROJECTS USING VERSATILE AND AFFORDABLE ALCOHOL INKS With alcohol inks, you can add a dazzling design to just about anything. Packed with step-by-step photos, *Crafting with Alcohol Inks* shows how to add your personal decorative touch to everything from home decor to heart-felt gifts, including: Etched-Top Wooden Jewelry Box • Monogram Pallet Art • Paper-Textured Table Drawers • Independence Day Suncatchers • Embossed Metal • Christmas Ornaments • Tile Coaster Set • Galaxy Ombre Sneakers • And many more!

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Customer Reviews

Allison Murray is a craft blogger and a maker. In 2012, she left her stressful job to follow her true passion, becoming a professional maker. She is the creator and author behind Dream a Little Bigger, a blog where she offers tutorials for creative, colorful, and unique projects on everything from beading to sewing to woodworking to alcohol inking. She currently lives in Brownsville, Texas.

Good ideas but I wanted more ideas.

Though I'd made projects with ink before and I love crafting, I wasn't familiar with alcohol inks before I read this book. After reading it, I'm sort of surprised that I hadn't heard of them earlier! The projects in this book are easy and fun, and with the

holidays fast approaching, I think it's not a bad idea to consider whether Auntie Sue or Cousin Annie would like a colorful, handmade gift or some kind. I think the jewelry dish looked particularly pretty, or one of the several lamps that are described. I really appreciated the variety of projects, because sometimes crafting books can get stuck in a rut where you make the same kinds of things over and over again and then can't figure out what to do with them. But with the ceramics and glass products described here, I can actually see myself using many of these. Especially the lamps—I already mentioned that I liked them, but now that I have my own apartment I realize how expensive cool lighting can be! These projects look like a great alternative to buying fancy lighting options. A couple of the projects might be difficult to do if you don't do a lot of crafting or can't get specialty supplies—namely, some of the wall art requires using and cutting wood, and the ornament project asks for an embossing machine. Surprisingly, the furniture projects all looked easy, though I have yet to try them myself. The one I'm most likely to try next, again given the upcoming holidays, is the Christmas ball ornament project, because Christmas ornaments are also shockingly expensive. Overall, this book was a great intro to the possibilities of crafting with alcohol inks, and I'm excited to try mimicking the look of more expensive, store-bought home furnishings on my own.

Okay, so I can't get over how many great ideas are in this book. Things I would have never thought to use alcohol inks on. This book has enough crafts to keep me busy through the next year! The instructions are detailed and straightforward, with clear, color pictures for each step of the process. Some of the crafts I've picked out to work on: Colorful Seashell Mobile, Galaxy Ombre Sneakers and Sketchy Floral Sneakers, Coaster Set, and the Marbled Note cards. I have a holiday party coming up and the theme is Masquerade. I was going to buy a mask, but looking at the technique Allison Murray includes in her book, I am willing to take the time to make a unique quality piece that will get a rave from everyone. And because I'm using alcohol inks, I can customize the mask to me as opposed the other way around. I am still relatively new to using alcohol inks, but the crafts in this book look so inviting and fun, any apprehension I may have goes away. Also, they are so many crafts for varying skill levels, this book can be used for years. I don't think I'll be ready to decorate a chair any time soon, but I'll have this book on my shelf whenever it's time!

I've done some art and crafting before, but I hadn't heard of alcohol inks until quite recently. I bought a couple books and got started! This book does a lot of things right. I love the introduction,

which is clear, concise, and helpful, and I was foaming at the mouth to get started after reading it. The art products turn out really nice, and the organization of the book (home decor, furniture, wall-hangings, gifts, fashion, and holiday) makes it easy to find a craft for my mood. I was surprised I could make custom clothing, but alcohol ink sticks so well to whatever it's applied to that pretty much anything can be permanently dyed (for better or for worse!). I do wish this book had a few more pictures in it, and maybe a bit more 'serious' art, but overall I'm loving crafting with alcohol inks!

During school, I found that while I admired different artists, media, and styles of artwork like Matisse, stained glass, or watercolor I had trouble pressing through to do such work myself. Eventually, I found myself working digitally, which is great, but I miss the fun of working with real-life media. That's why I am enjoying this book. The colors are super vibrant, like those Matisse used. While working with lead and cutting glass seemed laborious, painting on glass with these special dyes is a wonderfully simple and rewarding experience. I especially love how the colors blend, like multi-color washes in a watercolor. The book itself is, accordingly, beautiful and engaging in itself.

I had never heard of alcohol inks in my life. Totally foreign to me. I got this as part of a gift set in an office white elephant gift exchange and it was so great I just ordered it for some of my own Christmas presents. I'm using this technique for decorating ornaments and it's a great way to spice up any regular around the house items. And honestly not knowing about alcohol inks (like how I didn't) is absolutely no big deal. The book does a fantastic job explaining all of it to you. There's so many tips here; for beginners and non-beginners. There's tips for decorating lamps and shoes and clothing; it's a great thing to have! Totally fun. I highly recommend it for any gift exchange and if even personally you are working on sprucing up your holiday looks, I think this is a great purchase!

I've recently begun a journey learning how to work with alcohol inks. This book is one of the first I've bought to introduce myself to this new craft. This is one of the best books I've found! This book provides you with a clear and easy-to-read introduction that tells you all you need to know about alcohol inks and how to use them. There are so many unique craft projects in this book unlike any other books I've seen. Sure there are the standard Christmas ornaments and coasters, but this book goes way beyond that. There are options for furniture, clothing, and lighting. My goal is to one day make the Galaxy Ombre Sneakers- so pretty! I really recommend this book to anyone who is

interested in alcohol inks, whether you're a beginner or have been using alcohol inks for awhile. I think these crafts are so unique and fun, everyone will enjoy them!

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