

## What Are We Doing?

In our Creative Arts and Design Virtual Project Group (CAD VPG) this year, we are learning new art techniques, making crafts and exploring other types of arts and crafts besides mixed media art. If you were a part of this group in 2024-2025, the techniques we are learning can be added to your junk journal you made last year.

### Agenda:

- Welcome and Overview
- Activity 1: Making Alcohol Inks
- The History and Science of Alcohol Inks
- Discussion, Demonstration and Experimentation:
  - Types of Papers Used with Alcohol Ink
  - Mixing Homemade Gesso
  - Creating Homemade Blending Solution
- Activity 2: Steps for Using Alcohol Inks
- The 4-H Project e-Portfolio and Creative Challenges

### DO THIS AHEAD OF TIME!



1. Add alcohol to container (see picture ... it's not a lot!)
2. Remove the cap(s) from your marker(s)
3. Place marker into alcohol solution in the container -- you can add more than one of the same color
4. Let sit overnight The longer it sits ... the stronger the pigment!

## Supplies:

Just a reminder -- You do NOT have to have any or all of the supplies. Use what you already have at home! If you have none of the supplies, you can still watch and learn. I watch lots and lots of art videos and take a lot of online classes -- and not make anything. I'm just learning too! This is just a fun learning experience. No pressure! No competition! Please don't let the supply list intimidate you! That is not its purpose!!!

### List of Supplies:

**NOTE:** This month's activity involves the use of Isopropyl Alcohol (at least 91% or higher). If you are sensitive to strong odors or have any breathing/lung issue, you may want to just watch the demonstration OR at the very least wear a mask. The inks created in this month's activity WILL STAIN your fingers, hands and any surfaces. Gloves are highly recommended.

- Old, Dried-Up Markerst (any color and size ... think Crayola®)
- Isopropyl Alcohol (Rubbing Alcohol) -- 91% or higher
- Container -- Glass food jars (with lids -- like baby food jars), plastic, squeeze bottles, etc...
- Paper Supplies that I mailed to you early last week
- Plastic spoon, eye dropper or pipette
- Cleaning Supplies -- VERY IMPORTANT -- Drop cloth used in painting, plastic wrap, aluminum foil with paper towels, shop towels, old bath or kitchen towels will work -- they will stain!!!!

Optional: Drinking straw

\*\*\* You will need a separate container for every color of alcohol ink you wish to make.

See Ya Soon! TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M. (eastern time)/6:00 P.M. (central time); ZOOM LINK: <https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/81542577299>

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