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Inktense Pencils contain ink which becomes permanent after moistening and allowed to dry.

Description from the Derwent company:

“Apply pure, vibrant dry color. Then wash the pigment out completely to leave an ink-like effect. Once dry, the color is permanent and can be worked over with other media. The possibilities are endless; the results are stunning.”

Supply list:

Derwent Inktense Pencils - in sets of 6, 12, 24, 36, and 72

Michael's - sets of 12 and 24 at my store and set of 12 online
Order online from Dick Blick (often on sale at 50%) - sets of 12, 24, 36, and 72
<http://www.dickblick.com/products/derwent-inktense-pencils/>

High quality (high thread count) **WASHED white muslin** or fabric where you want color

Legacy Studio white muslin at Jo-Ann Fabrics is my preferred fabric.
108" wide is the most economical - \$6 per yard at 44/45" ... \$12 per yard at 108"

Moistening agents - water, aloe vera gel, or fabric medium

Clear aloe vera gel (NOT lotion) -

Fruit of the Earth Aloe Vera 100% gel Pure No Color Added in the hand lotion aisle at Walmart.
It is the least expensive I've found at about \$4 for 12 oz.

Fabric/textile medium - thin 1:1 with water. Buy at Michael's or an art supply store.

Fabric brushes - The synthetic brush end is short and stiff. Michael's has a packaged set of 4 labeled Art Minds in the fabric paint section. I like the Loew Cornell round and flat fabric painting brushes best which I get at <http://www.dharmatrading.com/cgi-bin/search.cgi?query=fabric+brushes> OR <http://www.hofcraft.com/loew-cornell-fabric-brushes.htm>.

White surface - Cover a white foam board with plastic or a large ziplock bag with the “zipper” cut off. Put a sheet of paper on a clipboard and cover with plastic.

Prepare the design.

- Draw your own design.
- Use applique designs.
- Use a photo to make the design.

Search for a topic under images on the web. Select an appropriate photo which is not copyright protected. Copy it to the desktop. Use a program to resize and crop according to your needs or go to a print shop for enlargements/reductions. Print in color or gray scale.

Using a lightbox or window trace onto fabric with a regular pencil or the Inktense outliner pencil which will not wash off when wet. Use a fabric eraser to erase the regular pencil lines if you make a mistake.



Tape the fabric to a white plastic-covered surface. Be sure it is taut.

Blue painter's tape would be best, but masking tape will work as long as it is not left on the fabric for very long.

Use Derwent Inktense pencils to color and shade the design.

Make a color guide and/or use this guide which includes a light fastness rating for each color:
http://www.pencils.co.uk/files/productchart/Inktense%20Pencils%20Chart__affvvnbg.pdf

To shade with the pencils, start with the lightest color. Then add medium shades and then darker. Look for the areas where the light shines and where the shadows are.

Color lightly for less color/lighter tint or color over it several times for bolder color. Test first on a scrap of fabric using water or gel. Let dry to see the result.

Use more than one pencil to combine colors.

Color the whole design OR color and moisten the ink as you work on each section.

***Color can also be applied after quilting by coloring with the pencil and then adding moisture.

Add a moistening agent. I prefer clear aloe vera gel. There aren't many negatives with this one.

Clear aloe vera gel is a moistening agent which will not bleed. Use it sparingly. Don't add more color on top of the gel, because the color won't be absorbed. It will probably wash off. You will need to wash and dry and then continue coloring. **Clean the brush by wiping on scrap fabric or paper towel.**

Water works if you can control the amount of water in the brush, because the ink will bleed. Use different sizes of brushes and stroke from the middle towards the edges. Tap the brush on scrap fabric before brushing to remove some water. Use a wet brush on the pencil tip to remove ink for placing in a small amount of water to use for coloring an area until the desired intensity is achieved. Batting seems to minimize the bleeding when applying color AFTER quilting. Coloring can also be done directly onto damp fabric and brushed push it into the fibers. Wet fabric and blot with paper towels first. Experiment. **Wash the brush between colors.**

Fabric medium will not bleed and can also be thinned to use to wet the ink. However, it may bleed if too thin. Fabric medium can also be used with watercolor pencils to make the color permanent. It can make the fabric a little stiff, but I haven't used it enough to give techniques or really critique it.

Dry the fabric.

The fabric dries quickly after using water or gel. Drying can be hastened by ironing using a pressing cloth (muslin) on both sides of the fabric. It can be pressed directly using a dry iron after drying. However, it doesn't need to be heat set. It is permanent when dry.

Wash and dry the fabric.

Gently wash the fabric by hand in clear water to remove loose dye and gel in a sink or cake pan. Rinse. Pat with paper towels to remove moisture. Excess color may come off on the paper towel. Air dry or iron dry with pressing cloths on both sides. More color may be added or other surface techniques may be used to alter the fabric.



Quilt

Layer top, batting, and backing and quilt as desired. If you make small quilts, they look nice on stand-up 8" x 10" plastic frames. Before binding add a long sleeve for sliding onto the plastic frame. Cut the quilt 8.75" x 10.5" for this size frame before attaching binding.

Coloring done by neighborhood children from second to tenth grades...Quilted by Jane



My topics on The Quilter's Message Board at <http://www.quiltingboard.com>

Derwent InkIntense Pencils on Fabric Tutorial (without websites which is required by site rules)
<http://www.quiltingboard.com/t-140660-1.htm>

Colored Pencils and Quilting (original topic which helped me write the tutorial)
<http://www.quiltingboard.com/t-131922-21.htm> (original posts and tutorial w/ websites page 21)

Quilted Artist Trading Cards (and bookmarks)
<http://www.quiltingboard.com/t-140406-1.htm>

These Artist Trading Cards (ATC) or Art Cards, Editions and Originals (ACEO) were made using Derwent Inktense pencils with a layer of Peltex (Pellon product) stiff interfacing in the middle before stitching.

My topic - Quilted Artist Trading Cards (and bookmarks) - <http://www.quiltingboard.com/t-140406-1.htm>



Websites:

Derwent Inktense Pencils - Dick Blick website - often 50% off + other offers
<http://www.dickblick.com/products/derwent-inktense-pencils/>

Read more at the Derwent website and download PDF project sheets:
<http://www.pencils.co.uk/hints.aspx?mid=1246>

Inktense brochure
<http://www.pencils.co.uk/files/uploaded/literature/604.pdf>

Inktense color chart and lightfastness ratings:
http://www.pencils.co.uk/files/productchart/Inktense%20Pencils%20Chart__affvvnbg.pdf

Lightfastness is judged on a scale of 1 to 8, where 8 is most fade-resistant.
<http://www.pburch.net/dyeing/FAQ/lightfastness.shtml>

Posts Tagged 'Derwent Inktense'
<http://www.softfabricphotos.com/wordpress/?tag=derwent-inktense>

Derwent Inktense watercolor pencils...true love
<http://smastroni.blogspot.com/2009/02/derwent-inktense-watercolor-pencils.html>

Liquitex Inks, Derwent Inktense Pencils & Author Ambassadors
<http://fibresoul.blogspot.com/2010/02/liquitex-inks-derwent-inktense-pencils.html>

**Jill Buckley's blog describing her technique:
Inktense pencils and aloe vera gel**
<http://thequiltrat.blogspot.com/search/label/Aloe%20Vera%20Gel>

Coloring after Quilting - Inktense Colourque Tutorial
<http://hugsnkisses.typepad.com/hugsfromhelen/inktense-colourque-r-tutorial.html>

Irena Bluhm's quilts
<http://www.quiltingboard.com/t-121601-1.htm>

Velda Newman's quilts
<http://www.veldanewman.com/gallery.html>

Using Inktense Pencils on fabric
<http://creativity.amblique.net/files/files/Project%20Sheets/Quilt%20hints%20and%20tips.pdf>

Secrets for Using Derwent Inktense Colored Pencils (on paper)
<http://hubpages.com/hub/Secrets-for-Using-Derwent-Inktense-Colored-Pencils>

Iris Done with Colored Pencil
<http://www.quiltingboard.com/t-131154-1.htm>

Comments about colored pencils on fabric:
<http://www.thequiltshow.com/bb3/viewtopic.php?f=10&t=1400>

YouTube video by Sherry Rogers: Ink-Lique' using Inktense
http://www.wetpaintart.com/Product_Archive/Drawing_&_Writing/Derwent/DERWINK-CC.html

INKFUSION Textile Medium Promo by Sherry Rogers
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwZ838JjE2U&feature=related>

Sherry Roger's website
<http://www.sewfarsewgood.org>

Colored pencils on fabric:

http://www.ehow.com/how_5533618_use-colored-pencils-fabric.html

Watercolor Pencil on Fabric

<http://pcoxdesign.blogspot.com/2008/07/watercolor-pencil-on-fabric.html>

How to Paint Using Watercolor Pencils on Fabric

http://www.ehow.com/how_4776051_paint-using-watercolor-pencils-fabric.html

Using Crayons & Watercolor Pencils to Tint Fabric

<http://nancymccarroll.blogspot.com/2008/06/using-crayons-watercolor-pencils-to.html>

Watercolor on Fabric

<http://creativetextilezone.wordpress.com/how-do-i-use-this-product/watercolor-pencils-on-fabric/>

How to Use Colored Pencils on Fabric

http://www.ehow.com/how_5533618_use-colored-pencils-fabric.html

Watercolor Pencils on Fabric

<http://studioloreen.blogspot.com/2011/01/watercolor-pencils-on-fabric.html>

Coloring with Crayons, Transfer Crayons, and Watercolor Pencils

<http://www.quiltingboard.com/t-133695-1.htm>

Derwent website about using pencils on fabric with fabric medium. ..dry 24 hours and then heat set.

<http://www.pencils.co.uk/files/uploaded/literature/671.pdf>



Fabric brushes

I LOVE the Loew Cornell brushes for this technique. I bought a set of four from Michaels for use on fabric which Michaels doesn't sell now. The Art Minds brand Michael's sells is not quite as stiff as I like for this technique. I ordered individual brushes from Dharma Trading Company to add more sizes to my original set. I highly recommend Loew Cornell instead of Art Minds for the best results.

Order the Loew Cornell flat and round fabric painting brushes from Dharma Trading Company or Hofcraft Company. I haven't done a comparison of costs and shipping.

<http://www.dharmatrading.com/html/eng/3260-AA.shtml>

<http://www.hofcraft.com/loew-cornell-fabric-brushes.htm>

The flat brushes 2, 4, 6, and 8 and the round brushes 10/0, 5/0, 0, and 2 are the ones that I prefer for the work I am doing.

Here is what Dharma Trading Co. has written about Brushes For Fabric Painting (which also applies to this technique with Inktense pencils and aloe vera gel):

“Fabric painting brushes need to be stiffer, so you can press the paint into the fabric. Fabric paints have to be pressed down into the fabric as they are painted on. If you just lay a bead or layer on the surface, it will not grip the fibers and therefore will flake or chip off.

Silk Brushes vs. Fabric Brushes

Silk brushes are soft and soak up large amounts of dye. They are used for filling in areas and watercolor painting. Fabric brushes are stiffer than silk brushes, which helps to force paint or dye into the weave of fabric.”



Search for websites. Dharma Trading Co. and Hofcraft do not carry these sets.

Loew Cornell 4pc Fabric Brushes 741

- Shader, Stencil, Spotter, Round Scrubber Brushes
- Synthetic Bristles
- Short Handles
- Painted Wood Handles
- Seamless, Nickel Plated Ferrules
- Brush Sizes: Shader-4; Stencil-1/4"; Spotter-5/0; Round Scrubber-1
- For Beginning, Intermediate Craft Painters
- For Use with Acrylic, Fabric, Stencil Paints

741

**Shader - 4
Stencil - 1/4"
Spotter - 5/0
Round Scrubber - 1**



I don't seem to use the Stencil - 1/4" brush, but I love the other three brushes from the set above.

Loew Cornell 3pc Fabric Brushes 742

- Liner, Round Scrubber, Shader Brushes
- Synthetic Bristles
- Short Handles
- Painted Wood Handles
- Seamless, Nickel Plated Ferrules
- Brush Sizes: Liner-4; Round Scrubber-5; Shader-8
- For Beginning, Intermediate Craft Painters
- For Use with Acrylic, Fabric, Stencil Paints

742

**Liner - 4
Round Scrubber - 5
Shader - 8**



The liner appears to be too long and would need to be cut shorter.
The Scrubber is bigger, but would be nice to use.



Loew Cornell 3pc Fabric Brushes 743

- Round Scrubbers
- Synthetic Bristle
- Short Handles
- Painted Wood Handle
- Seamless, Nickel Plated Ferrules
- Brush Sizes: 1,3 5
- For Beginning, Intermediate Craft Painters
- For Use with Acrylic, Fabric, Stencil Paints

743

**Round Scrubbers
1,3,5**

Both of these sets would be good, but there is still a need for a very short tiny brush for detail work.



Loew Cornell 3pc Fabric Brushes 744

- Shaders
- Synthetic Bristle
- Short Handles
- Painted Wood Handles
- Seamless, Nickel Plated Ferrules
- Brush Sizes: 4, 6, 8
- For Beginning, Intermediate Craft Painters
- For Use with Acrylic, Fabric, Stencil Paints

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**Shaders
4, 6, 8**

Web search for Pentel Gel Roller for Fabric pens

<http://www.pentel.com/store/gel-roller-for-fabric>



- Permanent, waterproof, acid-free gel ink for fabric
- 1.0mm tip produces distinct, bold lines
- Water-based pigment withstands repeated washings, even dry cleaning
- Ideal for use on linen, canvas, denim, cotton, and most all-natural fabrics
- AP certified by ACMI

Writes without smudging or bleeding into fabric.

Ideal for labeling and marking.

Ball point pen tip enables writing on small tags.

Not suitable for use on specially treated clothing.

Always store at room temperature.

As of this date (9/17/11), the pens are made with black, blue, and red ink.

Be aware that the ink can be used up quickly, so purchasing in multiples might be wise.

Review of Pentel Gel Roller for Fabric - It was mentioned that this pen is at Hobby Lobby.
<http://3creativestudios.com/blog/2011/02/10/product-review-pentel-gel-roller-for-fabric/>

This is where I learned about these pens:

<http://tanglepatterns.com/tips-tools/pens-more/fabric-pens>

Amazon

http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_i_0_28?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=pentel+gel+roller+for+fabric&srefix=pentel+gel+roller+for+fabric

\$1.68 each - Box of 12

http://www.amazon.com/Roller-Fabric-1-0mm-Lines-Permanent/dp/B004W6JPKY/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1311762616&sr=8-2

\$1.59 each

<http://www.csnstores.com/Pentel-of-America-Ltd.-Gel-Roller-Pen-for-Fabric-Bold-Point-1.0mm-Smudge-Free-Black-Red-Blue-PENBN15A-UHU1327.html>

\$1.42 each

<http://www.officeslide.com/pentel-gel-roller-pen-for-fabric-penbn15a-office-products>

\$1.40 each

<http://www.honestoffice.com/pentel-gel-roller-pen-for-fabric>
http://ibuyofficesupply.com/Products/Pentel-Gel-Roller-Pen-For-Fabric__PENBN15A.aspx

\$1.30 each

http://www.officespecialties.com/pentel_bn15a_gel_roller_pen_for_fabric_41718_prd1.htm

\$1.29 - \$1.27 discounted prices for multiples

<http://www.govgroup.com/gel-roller-pen-for-fabric-penbn15c-2175318-prd1.htm>

If you order two boxes of these pens from Amazon (free shipping over a certain price - \$25), it is less expensive than ordering 24 from the site with the least expensive pens.

Always check shipping costs before ordering.