

Alchemy and Ice

Tutorial / Project

Using Iced Enamels on metal blanks and ICE resin

Iced enamels are similar to embossing powders, designed to use on metal. They are melted using a regular craft heat gun and give the appearance of enamel once coated with a thin layer of ICE resin.

Available in several bright shades Raspberry, Turquoise and Chartreuse and Ivory and also metallic glitz gold, copper, silver, pewter.



You will need :

metal blanks

iced enamel medium

iced enamel powder in colour(s) of your choice

heat gun

ICE resin

sandpaper

heat proof surface

1. Firstly wash your metal blanks in hot soapy water, any greasy marks and fingerprints will repel the iced enamel medium. The medium acts as a "glue" to enable the powder to stick.

Sand lightly to give a better surface to work on.

2. With a paintbrush apply a thin coating of medium on the areas you wish to cover with powder.



3. Work on a folded sheet of paper scatter the powder onto the blank and tap to remove excess. Tip the powder back into the pot and replace the lid before you turn on the heat gun (it will blow away!). Try to remove any powder from reverse of the blank as it will become heated and stick although it can be scraped off afterwards.



4. On a heat proof surface- I use a soldering block- heat the blank gently until the powder melts and starts to bubble. As it begins to bubble back off with the heat, keep the gun moving. Do not over heat or it will peel off.





5.Allow to cool. You can apply further colours by repeating above step 2 and 3.

6. Mix your ICE resin with equal amounts of hardener and resin. Using a paintbrush that will be thrown away after (NOT your best ones) paint on a thin layer over the iced enamel blanks. Make sure the coverage is even and goes right up to the edges. leave to dry , overnight is best.







Your Iced enamelled components are now ready to use in your designs!



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