

## COLOURING INFILL PAPER

### Tools

- 1 water tray for rinsing the dyed paper, larger than 20 x 30cm- *will get dirty*.
- 2 sheets 100 x 70 cm used blotting paper as drying support for dyed paper strips
- Latex or Nitrile gloves
- 1 Mylar tray built from instruction or custom made Plexi-tray
- 2 glass rods
- 1 sheet of Mylar, size according to tray
- Aerocolor, Brazil brown (Acrylic air brush colours) or according colour mix
- 1 jar to mix colour

### Working situation:



### FILM:

To fill losses, choose a tracing paper in qualities as similar as possible to the original. If you have to choose between one too thin and one too thick, take the thinner one. If you have to choose between one too light and one too dark, take the lighter one. Also, the surface texture and translucency should be as close as possible.

Depending on the support the colour of tracing paper appears differently. Always make sure to know the final card board support of the object to be sure to match the mending paper to the right ground. If the ground is dark, you might also have to tone the mending paper for the tear repair. Otherwise, your mend will be very visible.

Use a jar of water to mix the colour. Use small strips of the chosen paper to test the colour. Dry first to compare the result with the object.

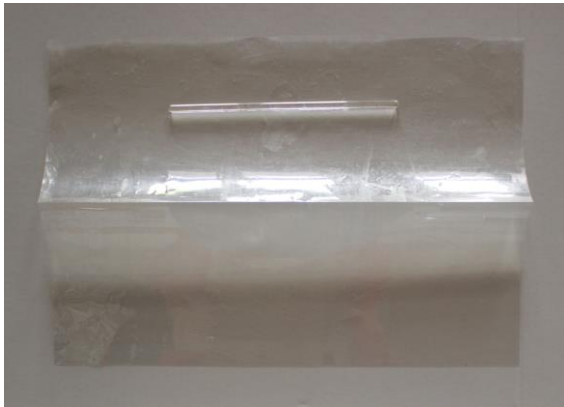
If you order a custom-made tray, make sure you have a ridge on both sides, to be able to pour left overs safely back into the jar.

Place a sheet of Mylar in the tray, add the colour and place your paper from one end in contact with the Mylar. Weigh down with the glass rods and pull.

Rinse the sheet in water and let dry on a blotter or hanging.

Discard the colour not into the sink, but pour it on an old blotter and let it dry. Then put it into the litter.

### **Self-made tray:**



### **Materials sources:**

Aero-color: Brasil brown

<https://www.schmincke.de/produkte/acrylfarben/aero-color-professional.html>

glass rod

<https://www.fishersci.de/shop/products/borosilicate-glass-rods/p-8007392>

blotting paper

<https://www.karthaeuser-breuer.de/search?search=flieskarton>

### **Literature:**

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