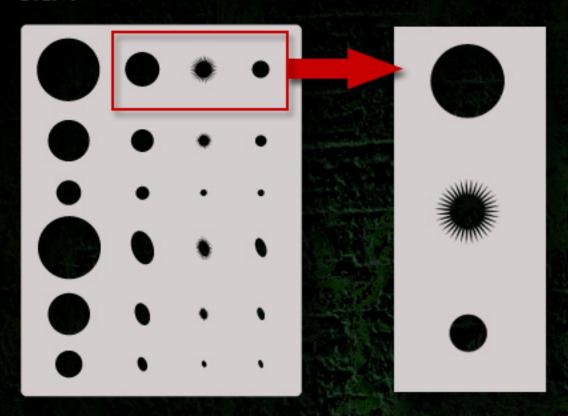


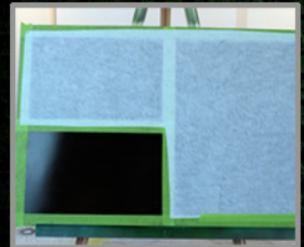
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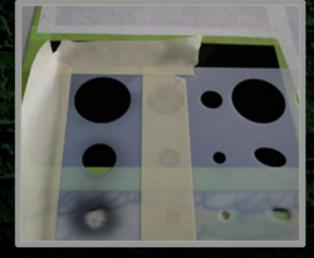


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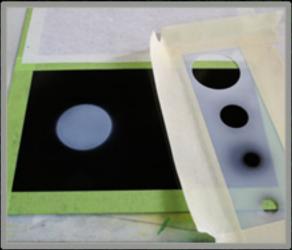
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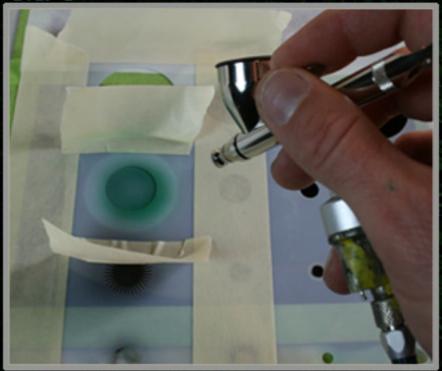


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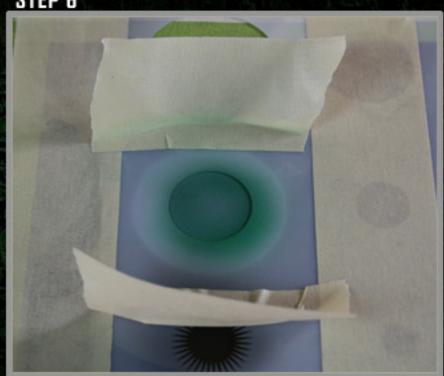


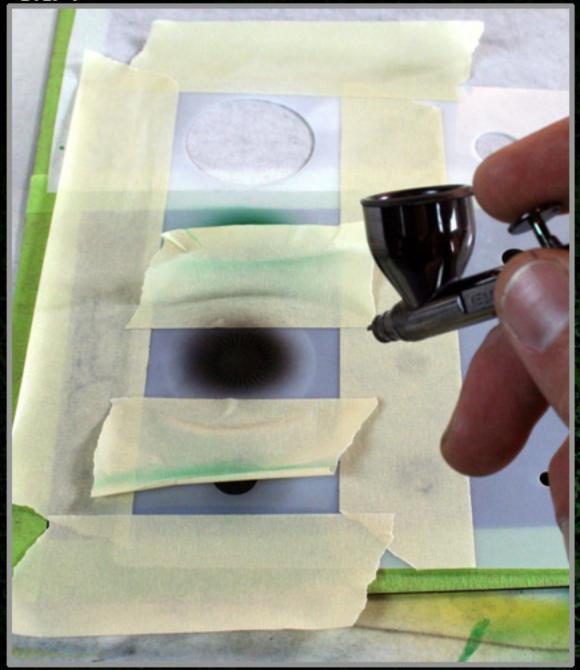
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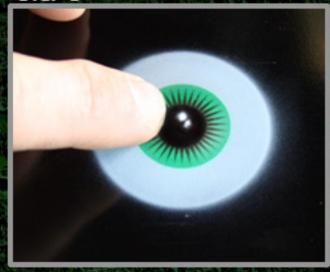
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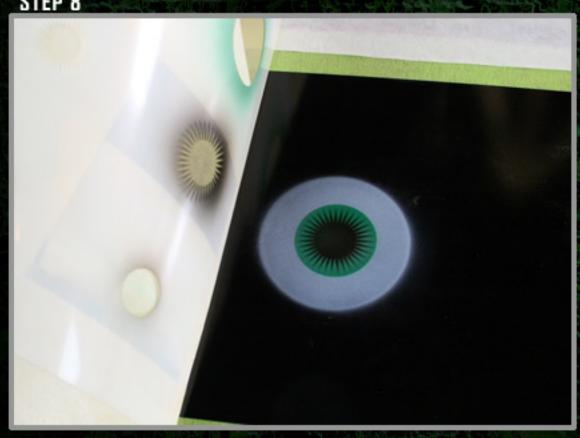
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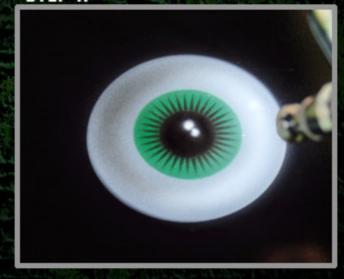
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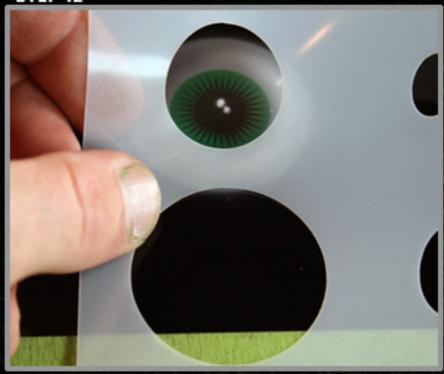


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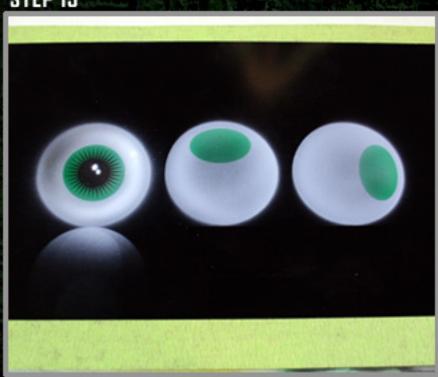
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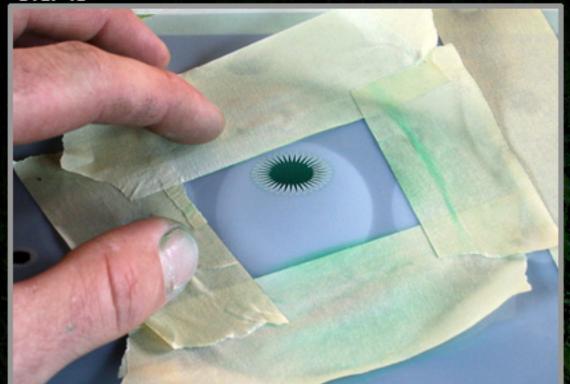


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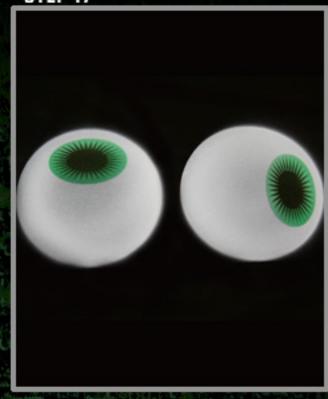


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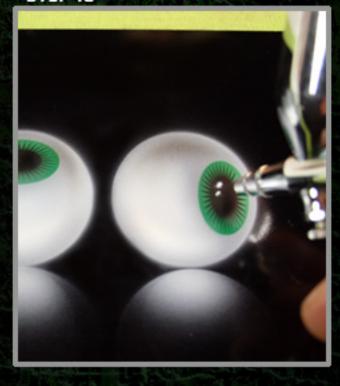


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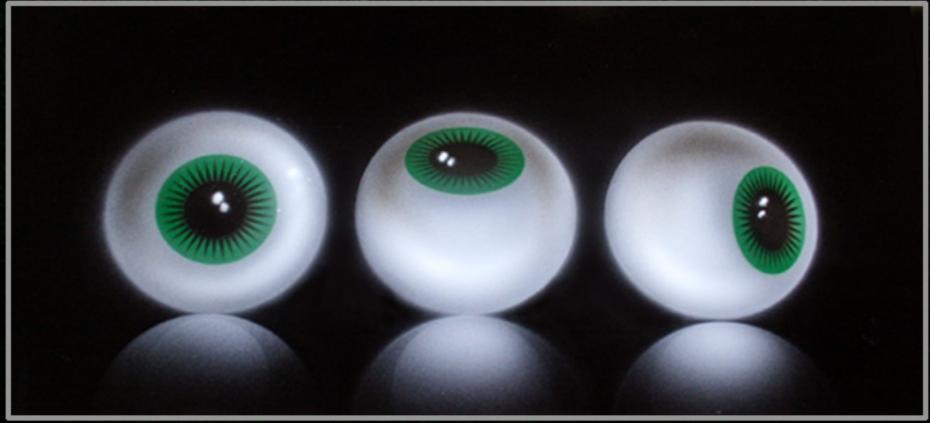
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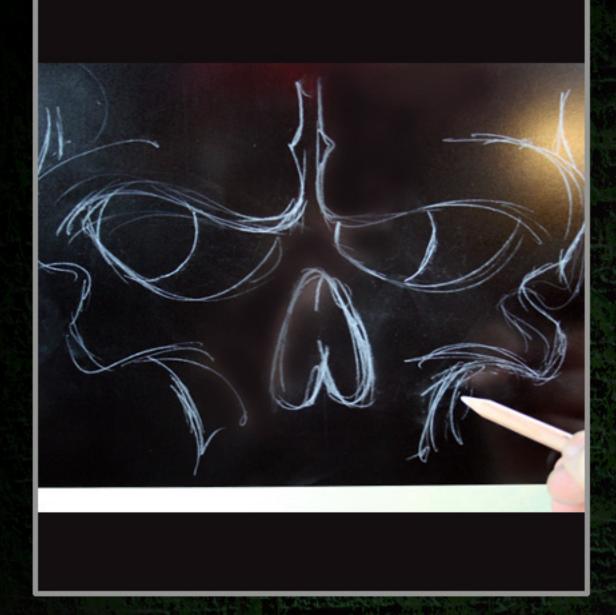


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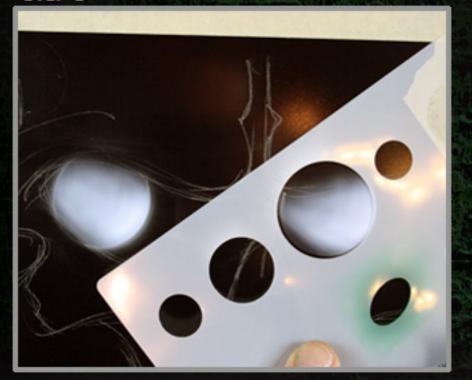


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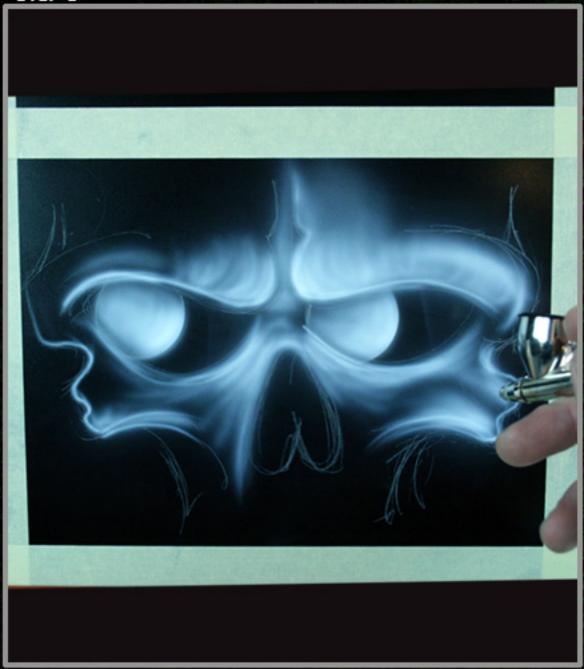


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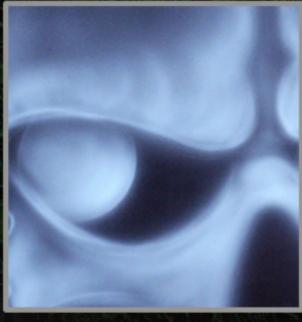
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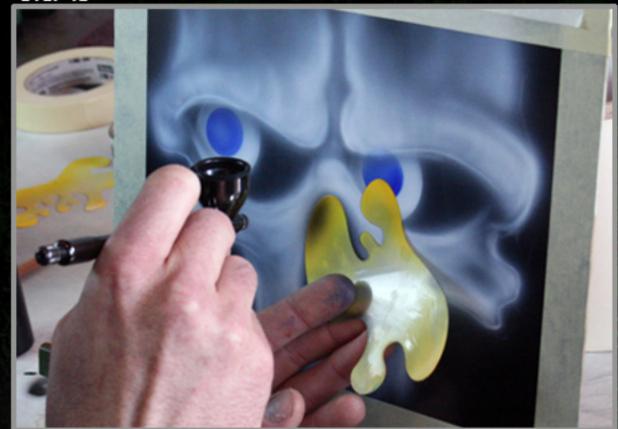
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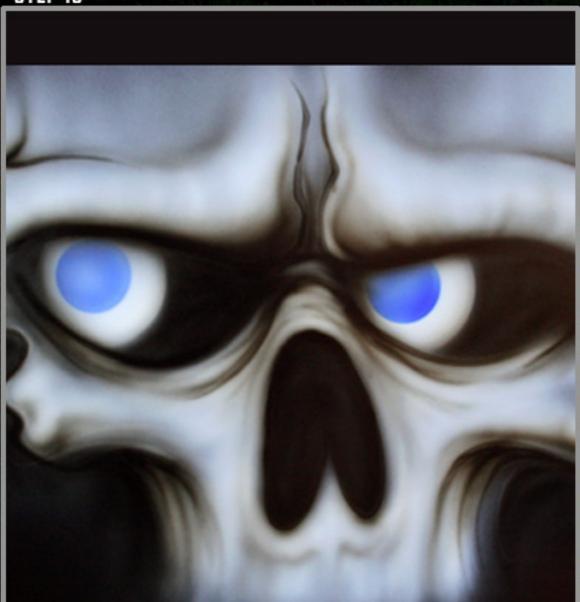
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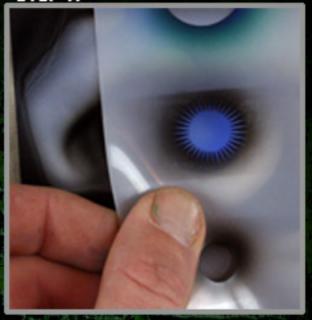
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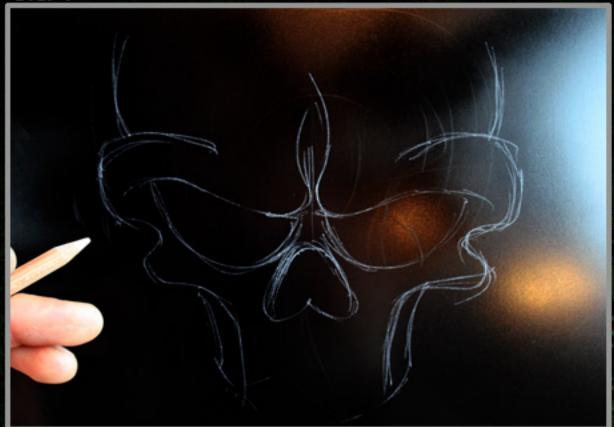
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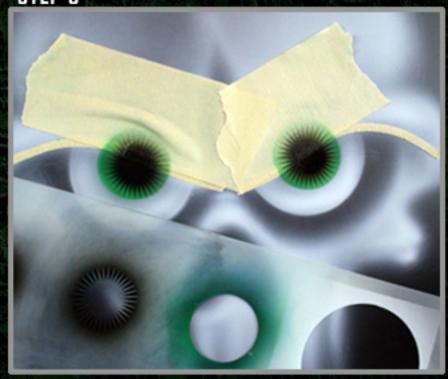


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We hope that you enjoyed this tutorial as much as we enjoyed putting it together for you. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us through our e-mail info@airsickstencils.com or just ask us on our facebook page. Thanks for your continued support and keep on painting!

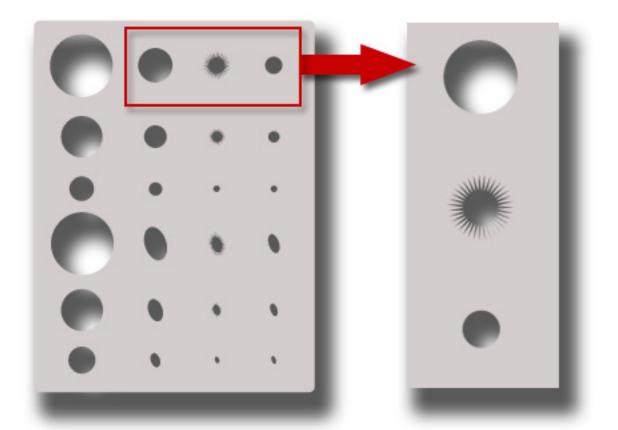


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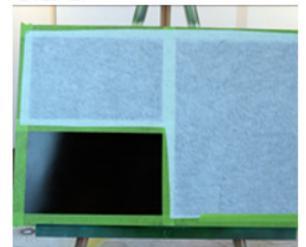
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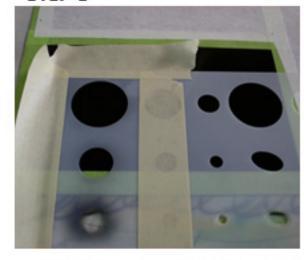


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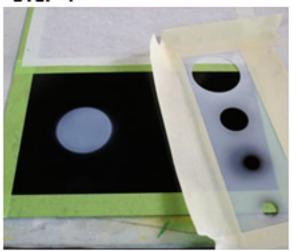
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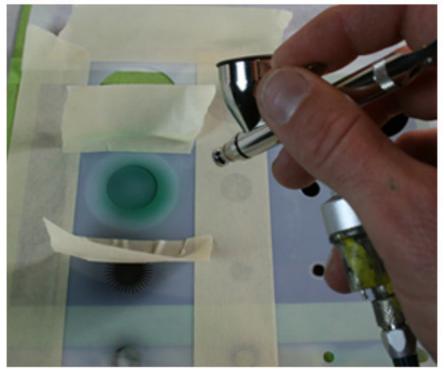


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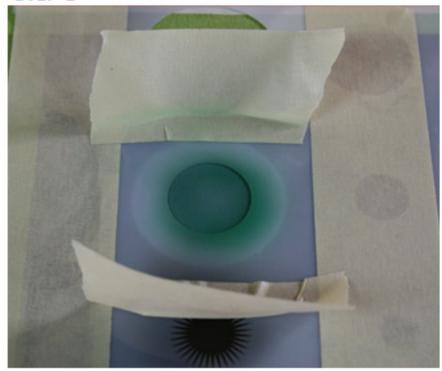


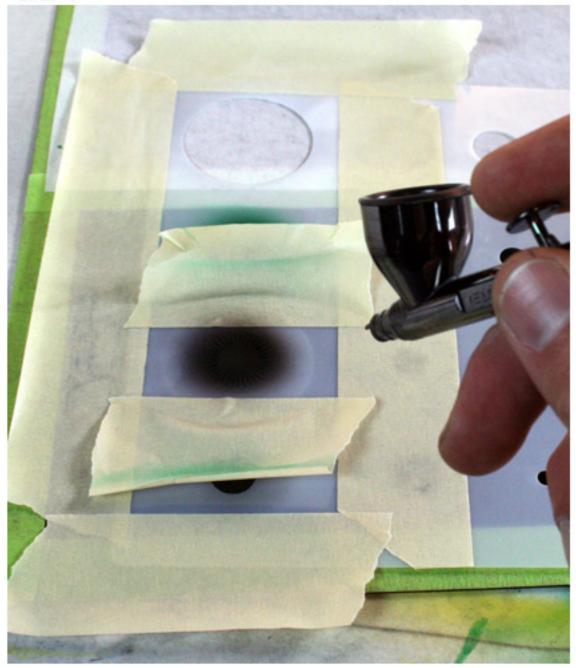
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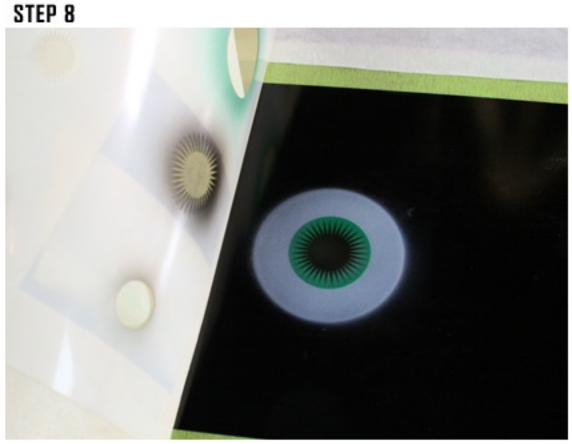
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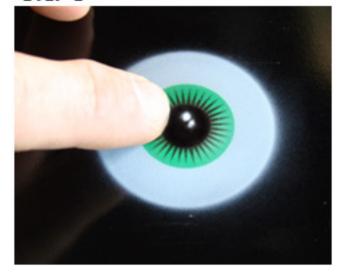


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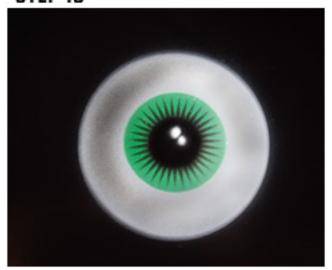
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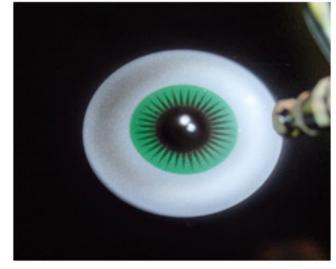
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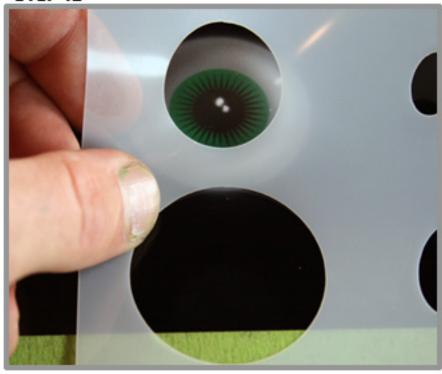


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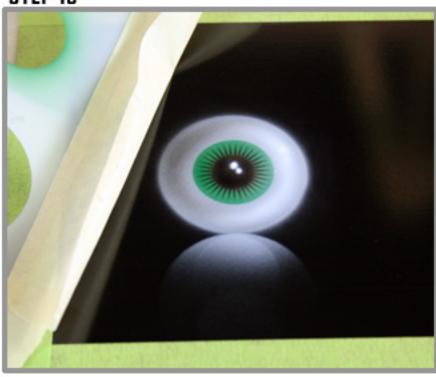
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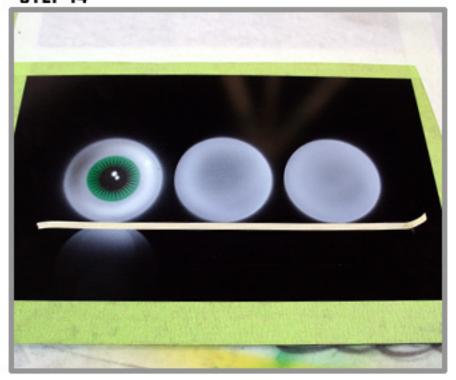
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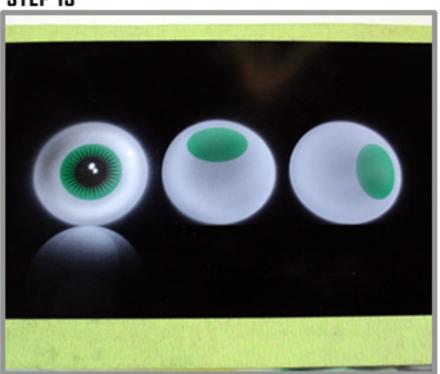
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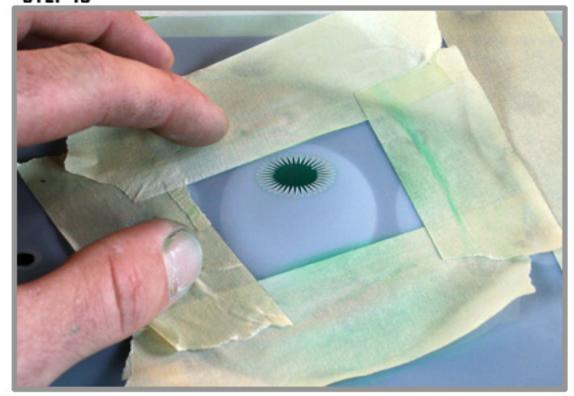


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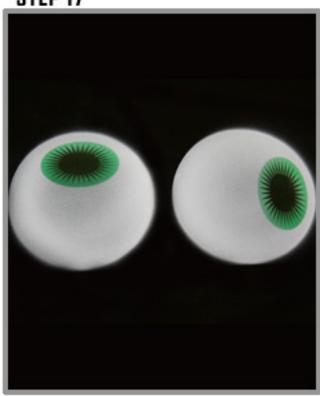


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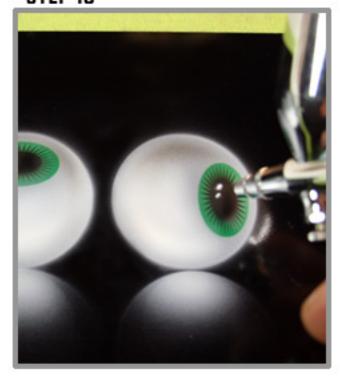


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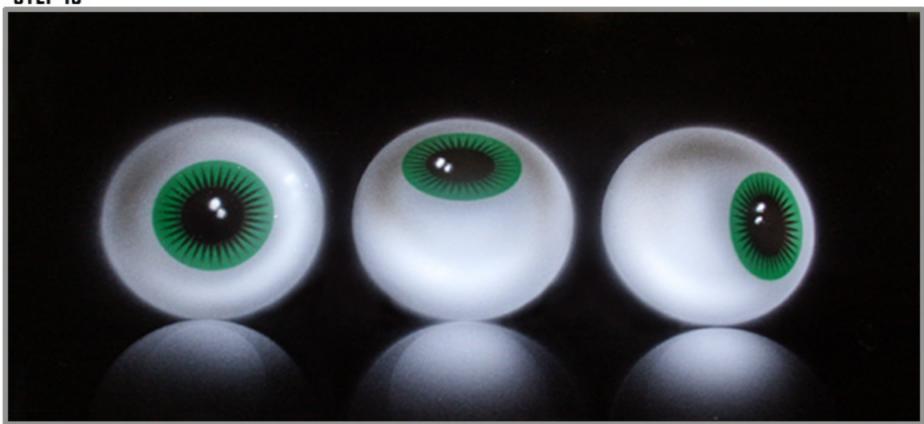
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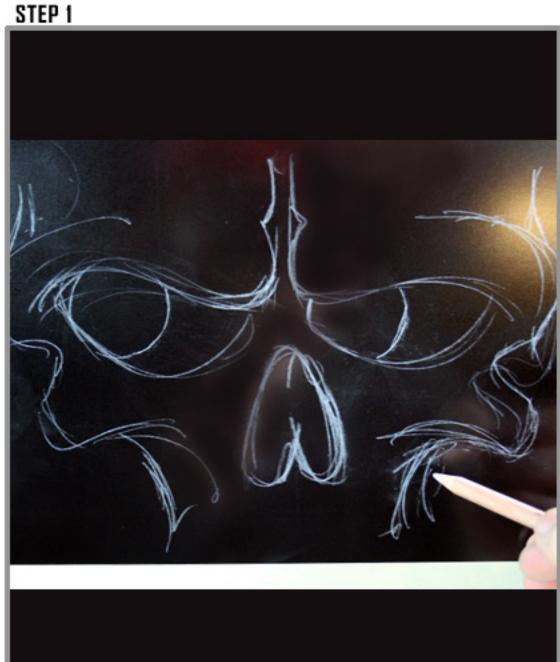


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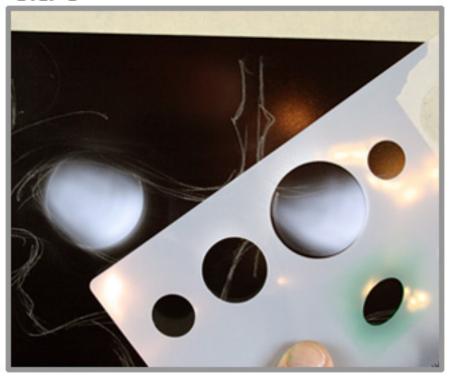


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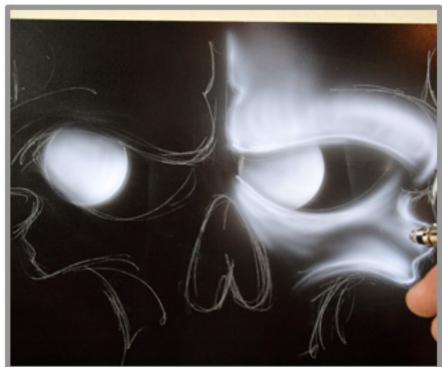


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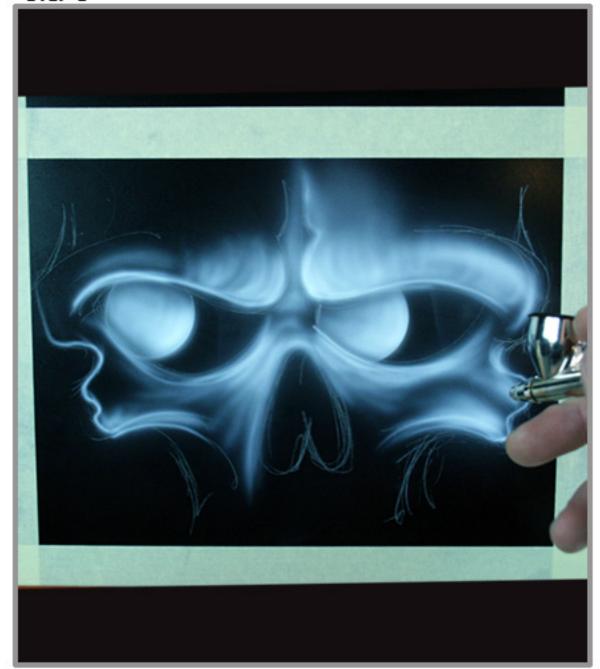


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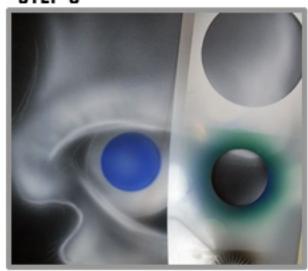
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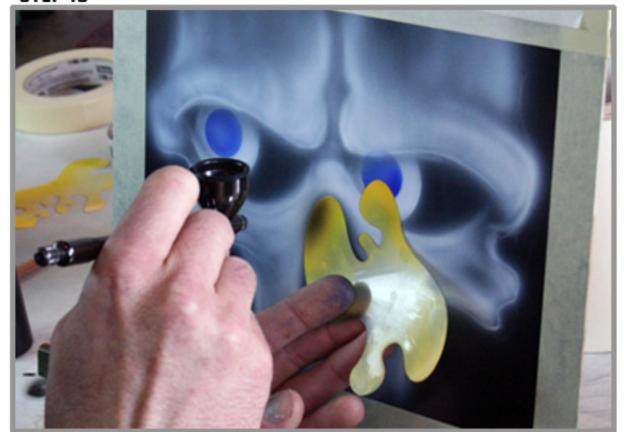
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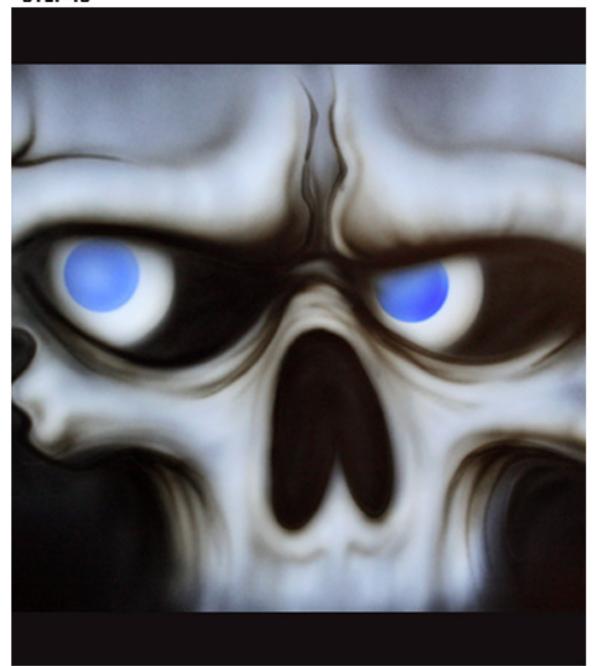
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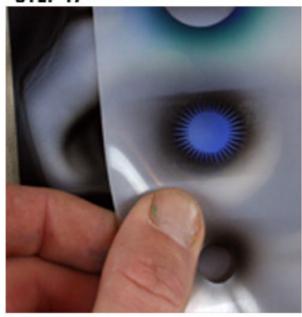


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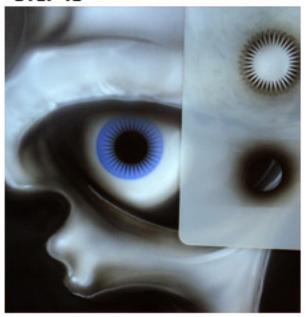




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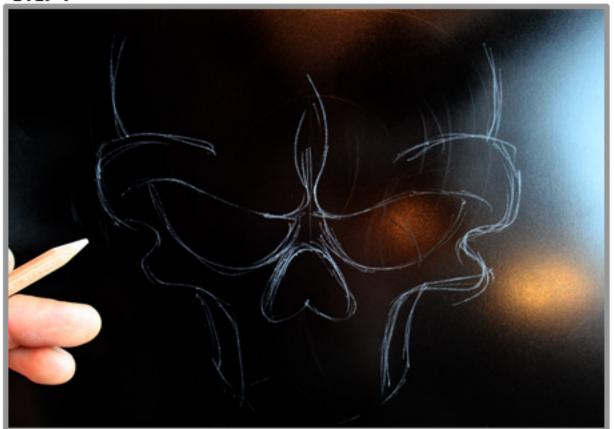
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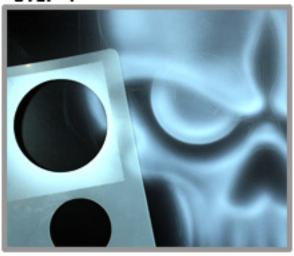
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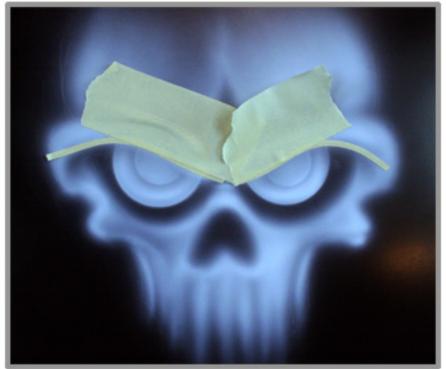


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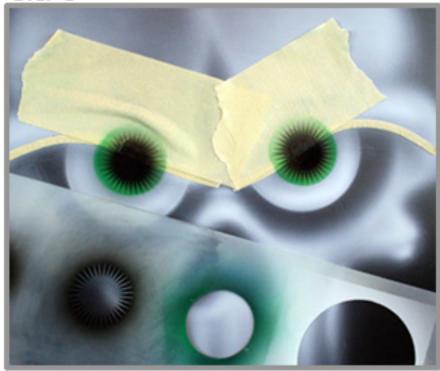


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Really take your time here. This is what is going to make your skulls come alive. Going back and forth with white and black until you have a good range of tones. Its these steps that really make your skull have dimension.

#### STEP 10



jumping ahead, we have added a few layers of black and white and now are adding our final highlights to the eyes and the ridges of the skull. If you want to see more about shading out a skull check out the How-to page for more skulls tutorials.



Here is the final results of our skulls. You can see how versatile the eyeball stencil can be. Whether your skull is angry, sad, or happy, these eyes can be tailored to any expression and in a variety of sizes. As always experiment, try out different colors, shading and layouts. Find out what works best for you.

We hope that you enjoyed this tutorial as much as we enjoyed putting it together for you. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us through our e-mail info@airsickstencils.com or just ask us on our facebook page. Thanks for your continued support and keep on painting!

