AirSick
Skull 31
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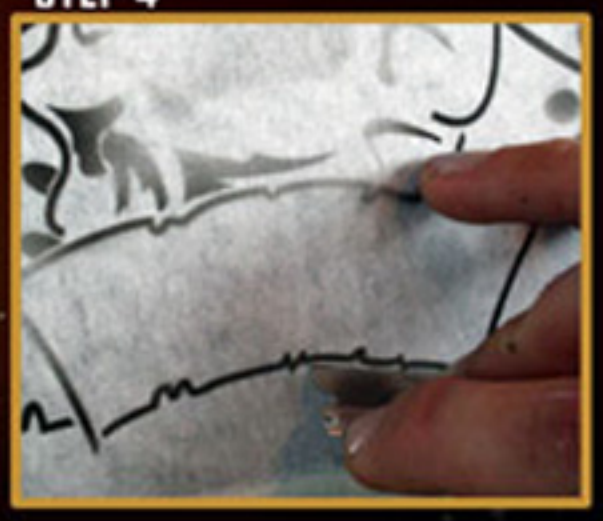

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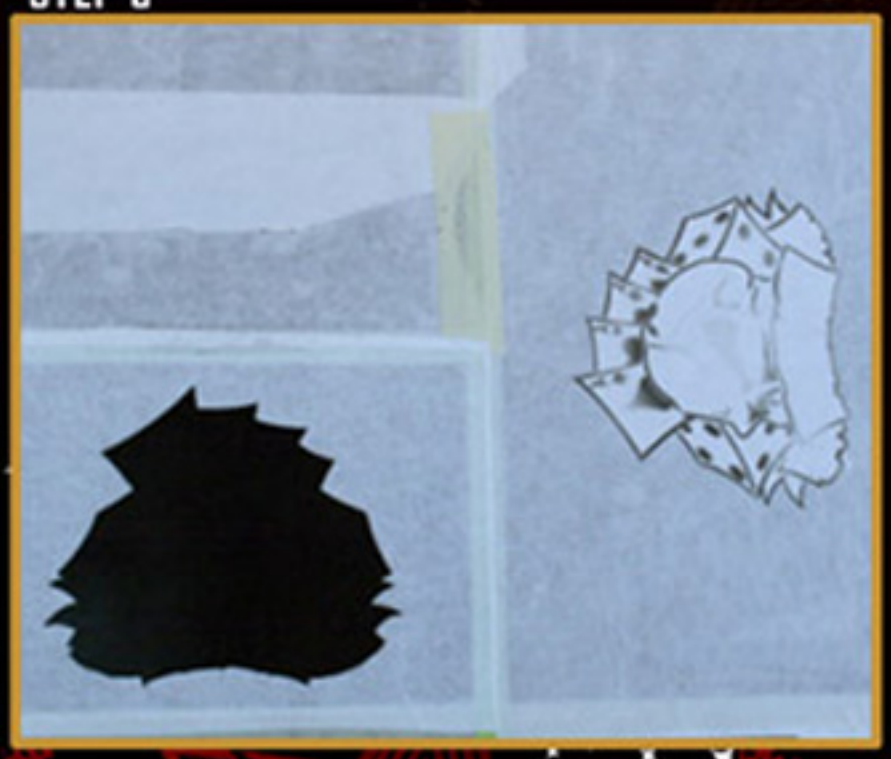

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Here we begin to render the skull, we start by darkening some of the areas that were just painted over. You can use the stencil to add more black or you can just freehand over it like we did here.

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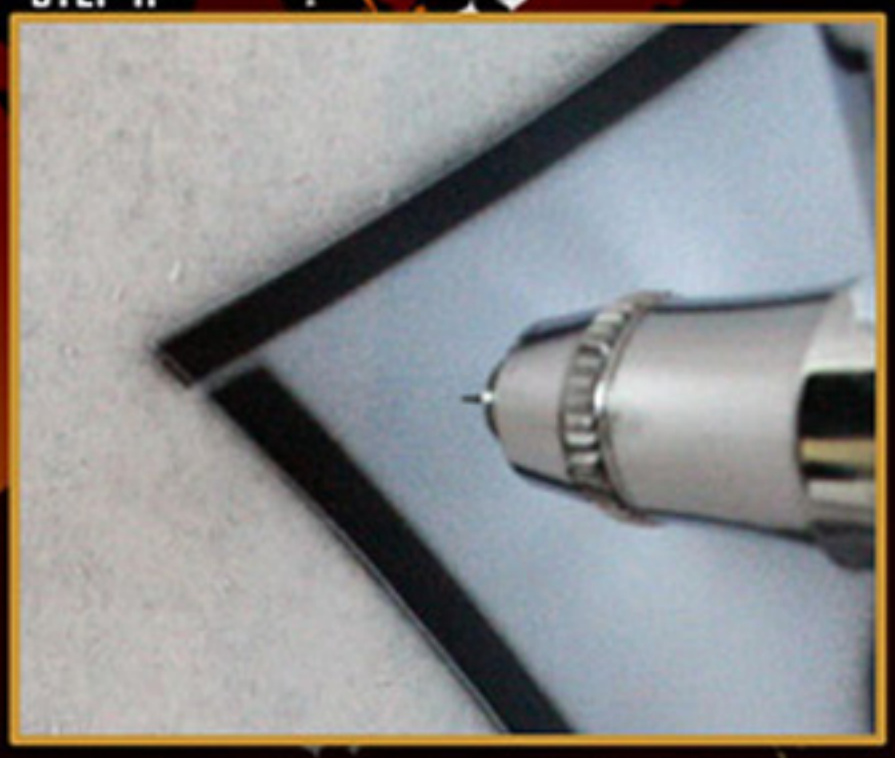

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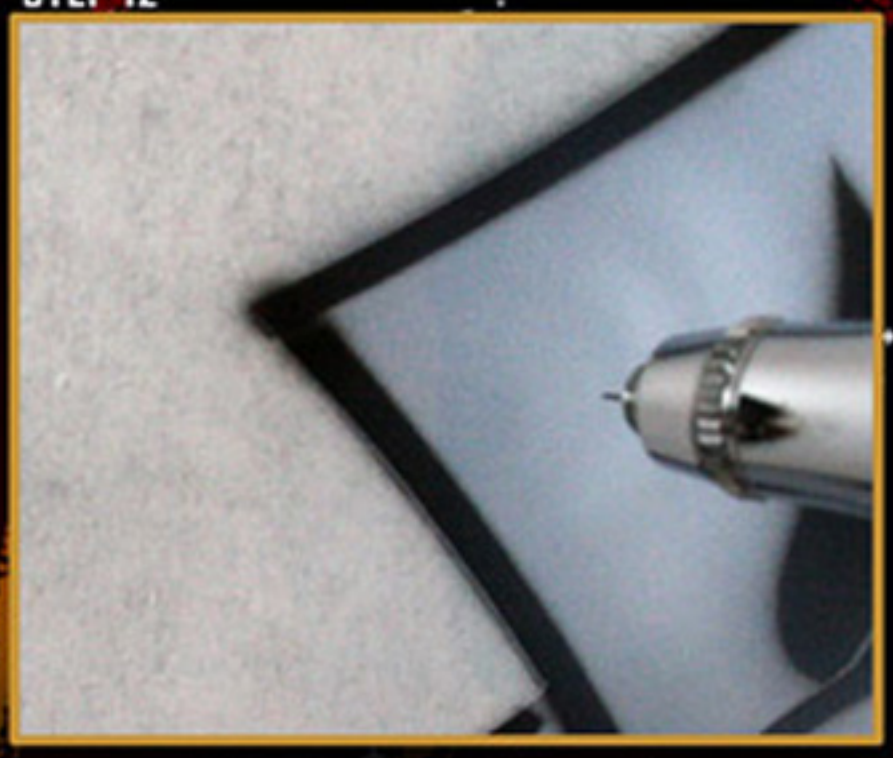

You can go through the design and fill in any of these little gaps. This will get rid of the stencil look and really helps make this look like a solid piece of artwork.

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As we are filling in some of the gaps, we take time to go over some of the darker areas. Adding in some black to the eyes and nose. We also add some light dagger strokes to the banner.

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Here's what we have so far. You can see the skull is a little brighter than the rest of the design. Its still pretty flat so we need to start shading and rendering the rest of the design.

Going from step 15 to step 16 we start to shade the skull, adding in light layers of black around the ridges of the bone. Once you have established a good base for your shadowed areas in the skull its time to move onto the banner.

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Next we add light shadows around the creases and folds. The shadows in this one follow along the edge of the dagger strokes we laid down earlier. You can get an overall view how the design looks with its first layer of black shading in the picture for step 18 on the right.

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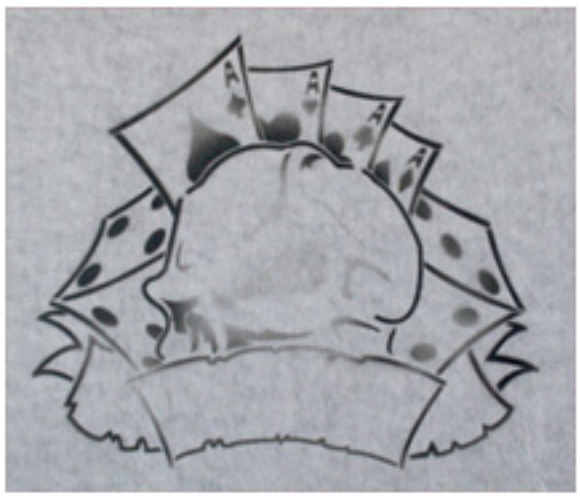

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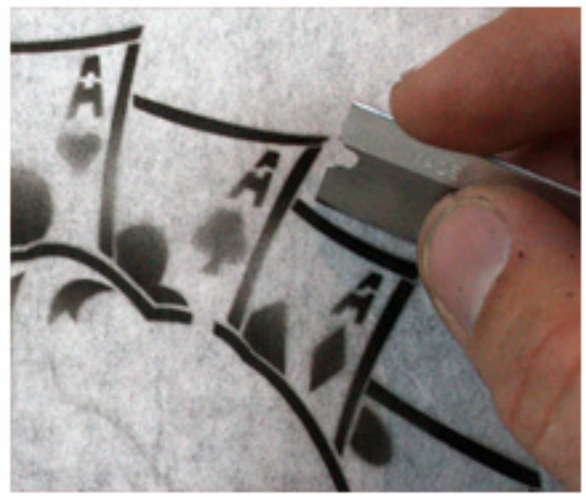

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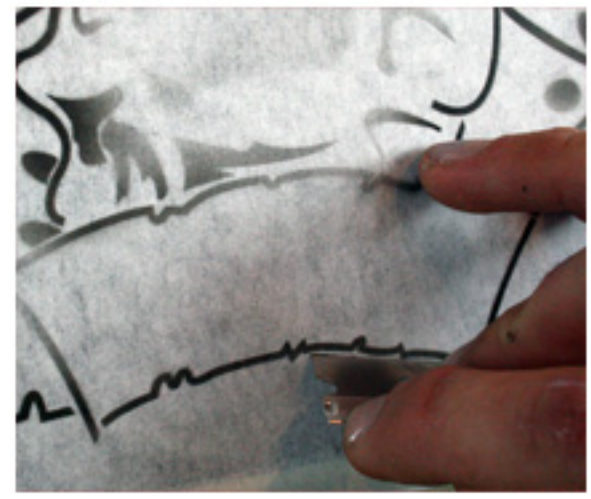

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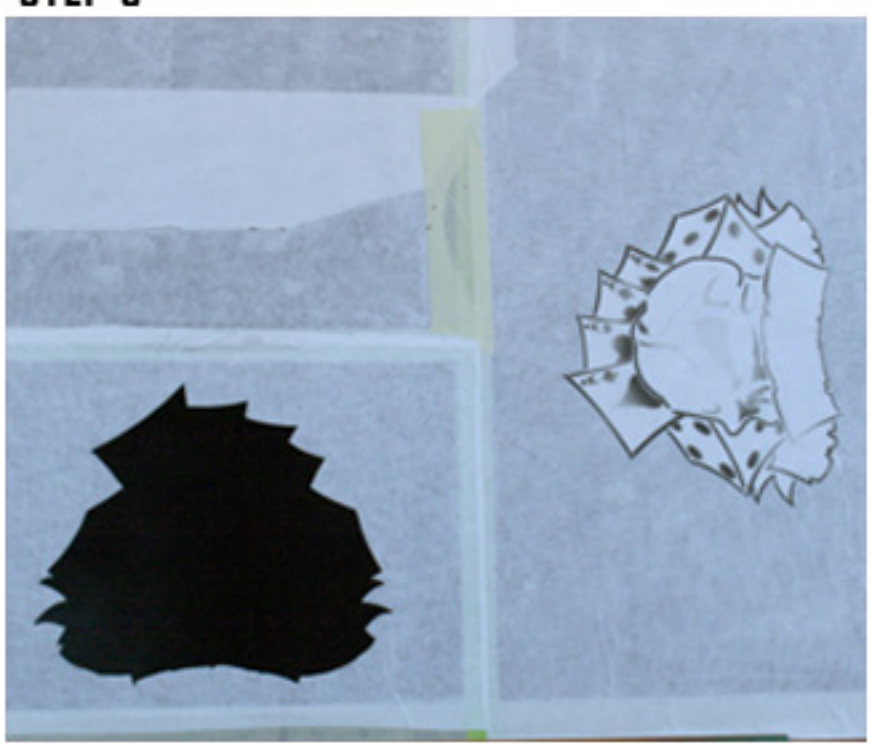

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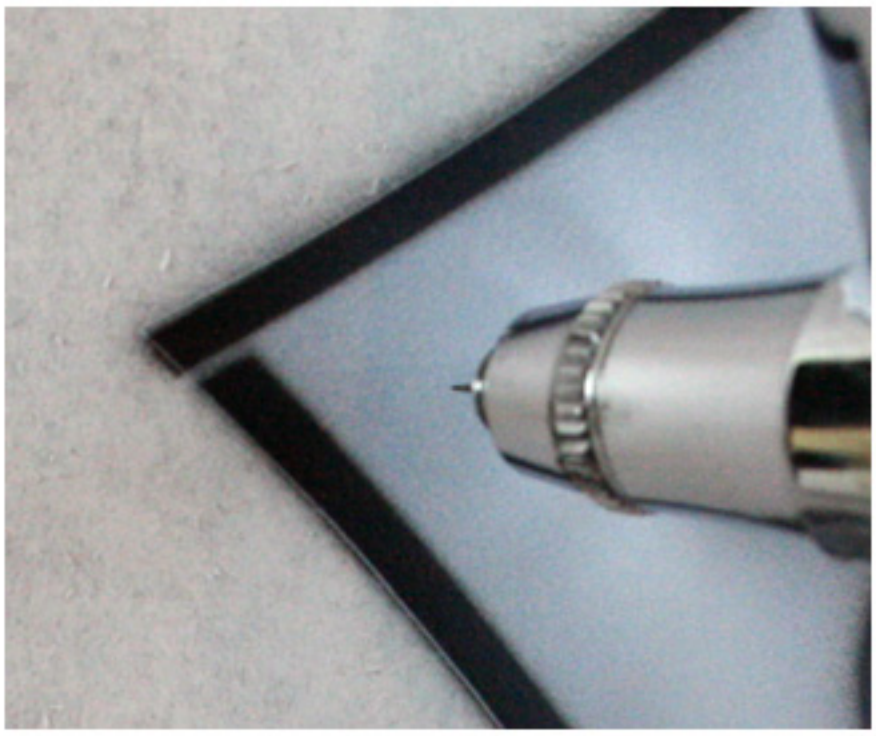

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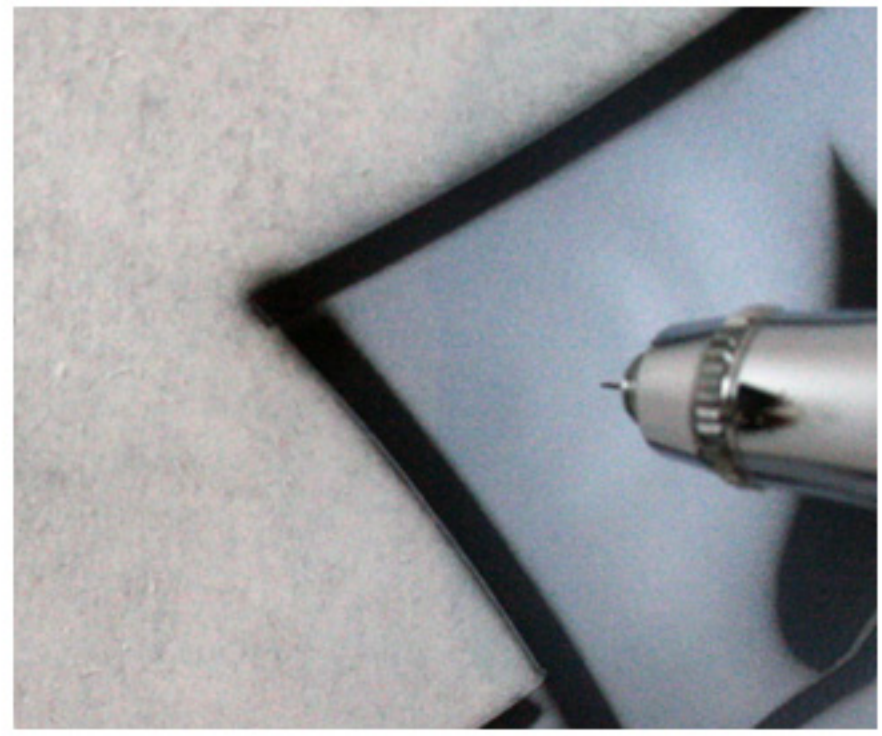

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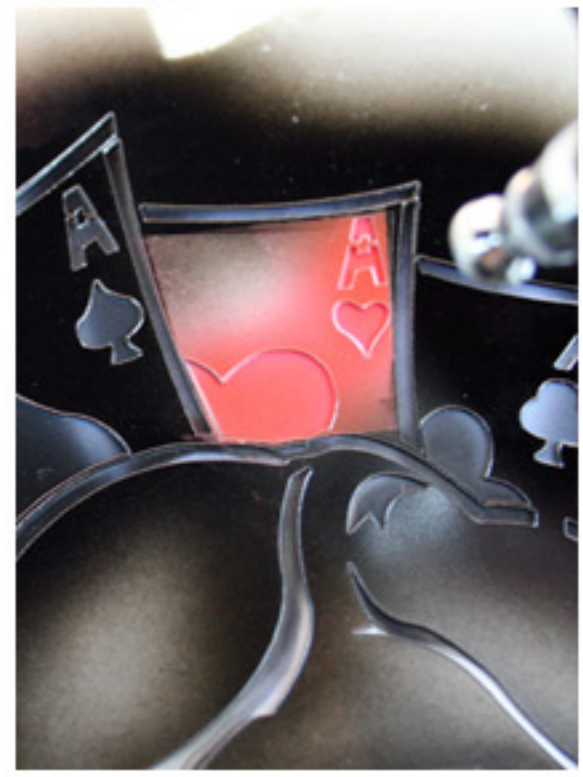

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