

Photocopy Transfers

Materials:

- Black or colored photocopies*
(ex. copies of drawings, photographs, maps, magazine images, etc.)
- Citrasolve (an organic citrus cleaner) or light-colored design marker
- Paper
- Tape
- Paintbrush
- Spoon

Before you begin:

The chemicals you will be using to make a photocopy transfer are potent. Only make your transfers outside or in a well-ventilated room.

Using a blending marker:

1. Take a fresh photocopy of whatever image you would like to transfer, place it face down on the paper of your choice and tape it down on one edge so it won't wiggle.
2. Then take the marker and fill in the back of the image area. Make sure you work in small areas at a time, completely coating the paper with the marker ink.
3. Let sit for one minute to set and dry, then carefully peel the photocopy away.

Using Citrasolve:

1. Follow the same initial steps as above, but instead of using the marker, brush on a thin coat of the solvent. You may experiment with how to apply the solvent. For example, you might try soaking the base paper in solvent first to speed up the transfer.
2. Apply pressure to the copy by rubbing the paper with the back of a spoon.
3. Let sit for one minute to set and dry, then carefully peel the photocopy away.

*Note: This project will produce a mirror image of your picture; if your original contains any writing, it will transfer backwards. You might experiment with the reverse option on some photocopiers.