

Vytek Airbrushing Tips

These tips are provided as a courtesy. Vytek does not teach airbrushing skills. Please do not call tech support requesting help.

SUPPLIES

- **AIRBRUSH, NOZZLES, AND JARS**

Items can be purchased at www.testors.com, other online stores, or your local hobby store.

<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
A4305	Double-Action Airbrush set	1	\$79.95	\$79.95
9305C	Aztek-General Purpose Nozzle (gray)	1	\$9.95	\$9.95
9340C	Aztek-General Purpose Acrylic Nozzle (black)	1	\$9.95	\$9.95
9305C	Aztek-High Flow Acrylic Nozzle (White)	1	\$9.95	\$9.95
9326C	Aztek 1/2oz. Quick Connect Jars	3	\$5.95	\$17.85
9340C	Aztek 2/3oz. Quick Connect Jars	3	\$5.95	\$17.85
			Total	\$145.00

- **AIR COMPRESSOR**

Can be purchased at <http://www.dickblick.com/zz251/03/?afsrc=1>

The compressor used at Vytek is listed below. It is very quiet and has an air tank, moisture trap and pressure gauge. It provides constant pressure with no pulsing.

SilentAire Super Silent 20-A Compressor

Designed for one operator using one or two airbrushes. The SilentAire Super Silent 20-A Compressor is virtually soundless and is a totally automatic compressor with a tank pressure gauge, line pressure gauge, line pressure regulator, moisture trap/filter, safety/bleeder-valve, air-intake filter, on/off switch and a handle for balanced carrying.

25103-0020 Super Silent 20-A Compressor (List \$799.00) Price \$494.00

- **PAINT**
Liquitex Concentrated Acrylic paint is available at your local craft and art stores. You can also visit http://www.misterart.com/store/view/001/group_id/583/Liquitex-Medium-Viscosity-Concentrated-Acrylic-Colors.htm to order it online.



- **JO SONJA FLOW MEDIUM**
Jo Sonja Flow Medium 8 oz. is available online and at art stores. To purchase online, please visit www.dickblick.com/products/jo-sonjas-flow-medium/
- **SCOTCH BRIGHT PADS**
They are available at local super market. They are used to remove paint in non-etched areas.

THE PROCESS OF PAINTING

If you are using granite remove the burnt debris by scraping with a razor blade.

For marble or granite: Backfill the etching with white acrylic paint. I use the airbrush to do this (see painting technique for instructions). Remove excess paint with Scotch Bright pad and let dry.

If you have a regulator on your compressor set the air pressure to around 35 PSI.

In a separate dish (I use small plastic containers that I buy in bulk. The kind used by restaurants to serve salad dressing.) Mix paint plus a couple drops of Jo Sonja Flow Medium and enough water to create the consistency of light cream. When mixing colors use brighter more vibrant colors than you normally would use.

For instructions on using your airbrush read your brushes manual and check out this website, <http://www.airheadairbrush.com/Airbrush%20Lesson%201.htm>

It will take practice to get accustomed to using the airbrush. Paint on paper to get used to covering wide areas and fine areas. Draw lines and circles on the paper using a pencil and try to go over them with the airbrush.

Run some water through the airbrush to prime it. To do this you can either place the airbrush in water and blow bubbles or use a print cup with water in it. Remove water source and empty the water from the brush by pressing the trigger down and back.

Place paint in cup and attach to airbrush.

The key to painting stone with an airbrush is to apply paint in THIN layers. When the paint is almost dry, use a Scotch Bright pad to remove the paint on the non-etched areas. If you are having trouble removing the paint then you are applying too much paint. Mix brighter colors and apply less paint. Also apply thin layer, remove excess with Scotch bright pad and then apply another thin layer.

When painting, apply lighter colors first. For example say you are painting an etching of a bowl of fruit. Apply a layer of light yellow on all of the fruit that is yellow, orange, and green. Scrub off excess paint. Then apply next darker color wherever desired. Airbrush painting is a process of laying down many layers of thin paint.