

AEAI Digital Image Transfer Workshop – Arthur Fields

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Purell Transfer on Fine Art Paper

Materials:

- Digital Image Files, (The descriptive cell phone image taken earlier in class.)
- Transfer Film
 - DASS - <http://www.dassart.com/product-category/transferfilm/>
 - InkAid Film - <http://inkaid.com/>
- Purell or other brand of hand sanitizer
- Printmaking paper. Rives BFK or Arches 88
- A piece of plexi or glass
- A brayer, bone folder or wooden spoon, flexible plastic card
- A sponge brush

1. Print the image (reversed or rotated horizontally) on to the transfer film.
2. Pick a substrate. I find that printmaking papers such as Arches 88 or Rives BFK work the best. Experiment with other fine art papers for different results.
3. Place your paper on your piece of glass or plexi.
4. Pump a few squirts of Purell Hand Gel onto the paper. Use the sponge to spread it around, eventually coating that entire side.
5. Flip the paper, if you have excess Purell on the edges use the sponge to work the excess back onto the paper. Pump a couple more squirts on to the paper and work it evenly with the brayer.
6. Flip the paper over again. Make sure the paper is evenly coated with Purell, but not too wet. At this point you are ready to apply the image. Start at the edge (printed side facing the paper) bowing the image away from my body. Slowly roll the image out to ensure there is even contact between the image and the paper. Then take the brayer, bone folder or wooden spoon, applying a moderate amount of force, roll it back and forth across all areas of the image. You can stop and lift a corner to see how the transfer is progressing. If your having a problem spot, you can burnish that area a bit more. It shouldn't take more then 2 minutes to obtain a decent transfer. This is all about practice and developing technique.
7. Slowly lift the film and viola. A handmade print created from your own cellphone image.

Drying should take about 20 minutes.

Here is a video that you can review if you forget any of the steps.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0h_U1K-s5Y