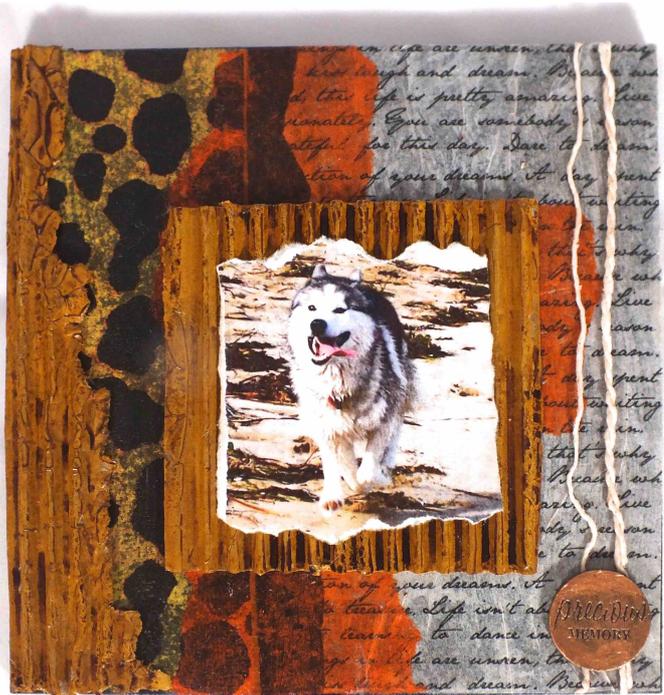


"Precious Memory" Collage

Materials:

- 15 x 15cm Board
- Colour photocopy (8 x 8cm)
- Powertex Black, Yellow Ochre and Transparent 500g
- Bister & spray bottle
- Easy Coat Glossy or Matt (Decoupage glue)
- Collage papers - tissue paper, text, napkin & corrugated cardboard
- Cotton string
- Dusty Attic Embellishments: "Precious Memory"
- Bronze Gold Colourtrix
- Scissors & plastic wrap
- #12 Round paint brush
- Latex Gloves & plastic bowl



Instructions:

- Set up your workspace using Tips for Beginning with Powertex...
- Paint board, cardboard medallion & words with Black Powertex. Allow to dry. NB. When painting the cardboard embellishments its easiest to lay them on plastic wrap.
- Pre-cut, tear and lay out all other materials ready to use
- Use Powertex Yellow Ochre to paint corrugated cardboard. Stir Powertex thoroughly before use... shake... and pour some into a plastic bowl or cup... Lay card on plastic wrap and paint both sides with Powertex... place face-up and allow to dry
- Collage papers onto board in layers using Easy Coat... begin with text, followed by napkin & tissue paper. When collaging papers it's important to place papers onto the surface while the Easy Coat is wet, then rub it into the surface firmly and paint the medium over the top so that the Easy Coat is absorbed in the paper... this will give vibrant colour... if it goes milky you may not have used enough medium or the Easy Coat may have dried during the process - which means you may need to work faster... Also ensure you've rubbed it firmly
- Put your work aside & spray the corrugated cardboard with Bister. NB. this is a water-based patina paint... if it is rewet it will re activate. Paint Powertex on the underside of the cardboard if it has dried and position in place on your artwork...
- Embellish the Dusty Attic medallion and words using Colourtrix Bronze Gold to create a metallic finish. To do this: place a small amount of Colourtrix & Easy Coat onto alfoil. Ensure your brush is dry, dip it into a small amount of Easy Coat and use it to pick up some dry pigment - finally lightly brush over the shapes allowing some of the Powertex colour to come through... be careful not to use too much or it will cover the words
- Add the photo of your "Precious Memory" onto your artwork using Easy Coat... carefully paint the top surface ensuring you don't get any Bister on the photo
- Use Powertex Transparent to coat the string and add it to your piece. This will dry clear...
- Attach the words & medallion onto your artwork using Powertex Transparent

CONGRATULATIONS you've finished!!!

You may choose to seal the Bister with a varnish e.g. Easy Varnish or similar

Tips for Beginning with Powertex

Powertex is an extremely versatile art medium that can be used experimentally in your artwork. As a textile hardener Powertex will adhere to anything that is NOT plastic e.g. metal, ceramic, wood, fabrics, etc... and it does its job extremely well!!!! Consequently when you're setting up your studio to work with Powertex you need to establish some good work habits. Things to consider:

1. Cover your floor with plastic or wipe up drips immediately
2. Cover your work area with plastic or for a more permanent solution clamp a tarp to the table...
3. Set up a wet area for wash up: a bucket of warm soapy water (which you can place in the sink if you wish), a towel, sponges, glass jars & an empty bucket (for dirty water). Once your water is dirty or you've finished for the day tip it on the garden. Powertex is environmentally friendly....however, over time the pigment may collect in your plumbing & cause drainage issues!!!! So it's good practice to wash up in a bucket!!!
4. Wear an apron & remove loose jewellery (as the Powertex will adhere)
5. Ensure you have all the materials for your project close at hand and set yourself up to work. Get yourself a few plastic salad bowls (from the \$2 shop) and cover them with plastic shopping bags, tying the knot at the base of the bowl, so that it is covered with plastic. This saves you a lot of cleanup time!!! Plus, you can purchase disposable shower caps from the supermarket, which fit perfectly over the top of the bowl, allowing you to have a break without your Powertex Drying out!!! FANTASTIC!!!
6. Use latex gloves, when you are dipping your fabric into the Powertex, to keep you hands clean...you can also wash your hands with the gloves on so that you don't go through too many! Wash up is done with warm soapy water, which makes Powertex extremely easy to use...it's also non toxic so you don't have to worry about ventilation or getting it on you skin!!!
7. When you first open your product ensure you give it a good STIR & then shake. This is particularly important with the coloured Powertex as the pigment is heavier than the liquid and tends to fall to the bottom & adhere to the sides. Stir until it is an even consistency....then use.
8. After opening your Powertex you may find it difficult to get the lid off. Powertex is thermoplastic, which means it reacts to heat & cold...so you can loosen the lid is with warm water & a bit of leverage! This property also has implications for when you're working with it ...you can use a hairdryer as a tool...as heat will help the fabric to stick & cold will set the folds. Better yet, use some plastic wrap over the mouth of the Powertex bottle to prevent the lid from sticking!!!

I hope these tips will help you establish a manageable environment for using Powertex. ENJOY!

For more Tips & Resources including projects on YOU TUBE go to the "Resource" page on the Powertex Australia website: www.powertex.com.au

