My Wycked Ways

Vellum sheet wing technique

I start by spraying a light coat of spray lacquer on each side of the vellum, allowing one side to dry completely before spraying the other side. I've found this will seal the ink from the printer and reduce the amount of shrinkage when vellum gets wet. Once both sides are dry
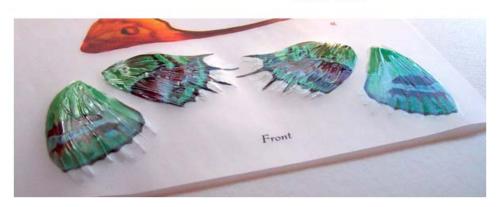

I gently brush on Liquitex Glazing Medium to the print side. Do not apply heavy pressure. You want the liquid to make ridges. This adds texture to the flat surface and will give a nice look when completed.

What is Vellum?
It's a paper product which is very translucent. It allows light to pass through, but not transparent. Many wing styles are beautiful done in Vellum.

You will notice that the liquid will begin to make the Vellum pucker. This is normal. It will add to the dimension of the wings. You can see the ribbing effect of the Glazing Medium. Its a very gentle texture which will catch the light. It also dries to a gloss finish. Do all four sections and let it dry completely. You do not need to do the other side.

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When the texture is completely dry, you are ready to cut out your wings. It's time to attach the wire. You can use wire in the sizes of 22 and 20 gauge. Those sizes are the best for these light weight wings. I prefer using 20 gauge. I attach my wire with FabriTac adhesive. This glue makes a strong flexible bond to the Vellum.

After the wing wire is dry, it's time to decorate. You can dry brush some Pearl Ex pigment powders which add luster to the wings. This can make the wings look very real. Once the Pearl Ex is on, give a light coat of spray lacquer to seal them.

Pearl Ex
Duo Blue Green

Before twising the wires together, decorate them with your glitters, beads and rhinestones (if you use them). I used gold colored charm decorations which will have little beads added around them.

If the there is a pattern with the "eyes" in the wings, I use Swarovski flat back rhinestones on those to add sparkle and then surround them with contrasting colored glitter or tiny microbeads.

This is how I make them. Have fun making yours!
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