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My airbrush set-up

This is the equipment I mostly use when I'm spraying spirit stains. This is what works for me, but I recommend you do some research of your own. I use siphon-fed airbrushes and have one for each colour I use. I prefer to use stains as I find the airbrushes don't need so much cleaning as when using paints.

If you want to give airbrushing a go but don't want to spend a lot of money on separate airbrushes, then you could buy a gravity fed airbrush, though you will need to rinse it out between colours.

Remember to wear respiratory protection when spraying – I use an Elipse Vapour Mask - ELIPSE RESPIRATOR A1-P3



Figure 1 Elipse Vapour Mask

I use Sealey airbrushes – the set I have is AB935 which has six airbrushes and 6 bottles. The price for this set varies quite dramatically from about £75 up to over £200, so if you decide to buy a set, do shop around for the best price.



Figure 2 Sealey AB935 Airbrush Set

I have supplemented the set with other single airbrushes in the £15 price range.

I use this compressor when doing club demos and it works well for this sort of application. It isn't industrial use so don't run it for a long period of time with the pump running. You can get compressors with an airtank but for working with stains I haven't found it necessary. There are many similar compressors available. I spray at about 4 bar pressure.

Brand: Voilamart Voilamart Complete Airbrush Kit with Compressor 1/6HP High Performance Quiet Compressor 0.35mm 5cc/22cc Dual Action Air Brush Gun Nail Tattoo Art Paint Makeup Cake Decoration Car Paint Brush Price: £90.99 prime

Figure 3 Voilamart Compressor and airbrush kit

To change airbrushes quickly, I have fitted quick couplers to all of my brushes. Some of these couplers have a pressure adjustment valve but I haven't much need for this.



Figure 4 Quick Coupler

Airbrush Quick Release Coupling Adapter Kit Spray Gun Disconnect Adapter Set with 1/8 Inch 5 Male and Female Connectors and 1/8 Inch BSP Male and Female Connection with Adjustable Control Valve



Figure 5 Quick Coupler with pressure control valve

Spare bottles can be bought – either glass or plastic ones.

