



# Pearl Ex Instructions – Making Calligraphy Ink

## HOW TO MAKE CALLIGRAPHY INK USING JACQUARD'S PEARL EX POWDERED PIGMENTS & POWDERED GUM ARABIC

Calligraphers are creating beautiful custom inks with Pearl Ex Powdered Pigments! It's easy to make custom calligraphy ink—just mix Pearl Ex and powdered Gum Arabic with a little water.

### Instructions:

1. Mix 4 parts of Pearl Ex pigment and 1 part powdered Gum Arabic.
2. Add water slowly, and stir to an ink-like consistency.
3. Stir vigorously until evenly mixed.

### Suggested Recipe:

- 1 teaspoon Pearl Ex pigment
- 1/4 teaspoon powdered Gum Arabic
- 1 teaspoon water

### Notes:

- Adding more or less water will result in a thinner or thicker consistency.
  - » Ink with thinner consistency will lie flat on the paper when dry.
  - » Thicker consistencies will stand up and have a raised texture on the paper when dry.
- If you are using liquid Gum Arabic from another brand, adding water may or may not be necessary. Experiment until you achieve the desired consistency.
- Thinner inks may require frequent mixing during use as the pigment is likely to settle more quickly.

### VIDEO – “How to Create Calligraphy Ink with Pearl Ex”

By: Joi Hunt, Professional Calligrapher - [www.bienfaitcalligraphy.com](http://www.bienfaitcalligraphy.com)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EmEmd7daGs>

### Calligraphy nibs that work well with Pearl Ex calligraphy inks:

- Manuscript Leonardt G
- Titanium Zebra G
- Hunt 101
- Hunt 22
- Hiro 41
- Brause 76
- Brause 361
- Leonardt 30
- Leonardt Principal EF
- Esterbrook 357

### Note:

Depending on the nib size, the amount of water in the ink may need to be adjusted for optimal flow.



Use any of Jacquard's Pearl Ex colors to make Calligraphy Ink. You can also try our Pearl Ex Metallic Calligraphy Set which includes: 9 colors of Pearl Ex + powdered Gum Arabic.

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