

# Gelatin Basics

## Prepping The Gelatin:

### Gelatin Mixture (1:2 1/2 ratio)

- 1 Tbsp unflavored gelatin (Knox, etc. – NOT Jell-O)
- 2 ½ Tbsp water
- food colors (airbrush colors dissolve better)



\*Throughout these instructions, you will find different ratios of gelatin to water for different parts of the projects. Use these general guidelines for preparing the gelatin.



#### Step 1:

- Place gelatin in microwave safe bowl.
- Sprinkle gelatin over top and stir together.
- Let sit for 3-5 minutes (will be VERY thick)



#### Step 2:

- Place in microwave for 10 second intervals, stirring until all gelatin is dissolved.



#### Step 3:

- Allow to sit for 5-10 minutes for the foam to rise to top.
- Gently scoop this away with a spoon.



Gelatin is now clarified (clear) and ready to add desired food color.

#### TIPS:

- Airbrush color works best if you have it as it is already liquid.
- Gelatin can be rewarmed as needed (do this in 5-10 second intervals.)
- You want the gelatin to be the consistency of nail polish when using (if too warm, it will be much thinner and if too cool, it will be very thick and goey.)
- Leftover gelatin can be saved and re-used... just make sure it ALWAYS gets fully warmed to a liquid state every 24 hours whether you are using it that day or not (to prevent mold.)
- Yellow food color tends to cause excess air bubbles... just scoop off the excess bubbles as you did when first clarifying the gelatin.
- Once dried, gelatin art pieces are good indefinitely.