

# *Higgins*<sup>TM</sup>

## **BLACK AND WHITE INKS**





# Higgins™

## India Ink

**Color:** Deep Charcoal

**Water Compatibility:** Waterproof

**Base:** Water & Shellac

**Colorant:** Pigment PBk7

**Lightfast Rating:** 1 Excellent

**Sheen:** Matte

**Recommended Surfaces:** Paper, Board, Film

**Tool Compatibility:** Brush, Dip Pen, Airbrush

**Dry Speed:** Quick

**Category:** Fine Art Drawing

**Size:** 1oz, 2.5oz, 16oz, 32oz

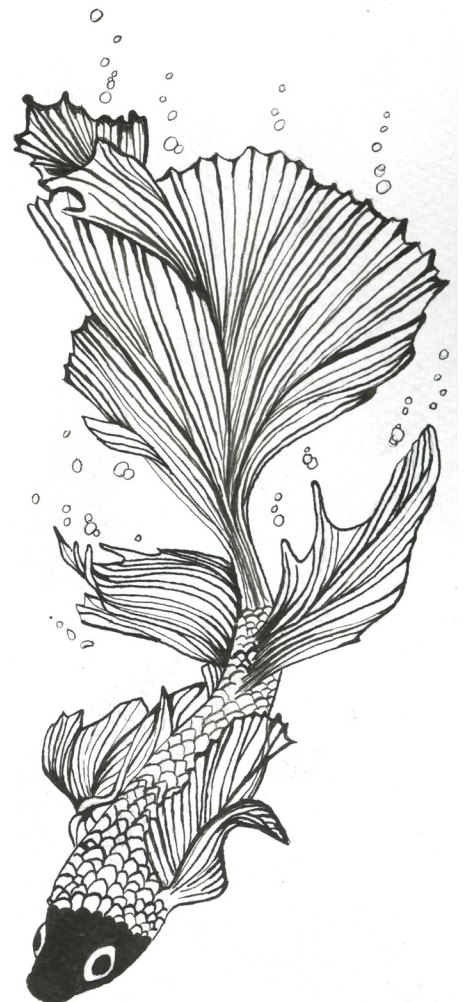


SKU: HIG44201

Higgins Black India Ink is the first ink Higgins produced in 1880. Micro-pulverized black carbon is suspended in a shellac solution to create a deep charcoal pigmented drawing ink. Renowned for its rich color and fluid consistency, Higgins India Ink has been a favorite among artists, calligraphers, and illustrators for over 140 years. Artists depend on Higgins India Ink for its reliable ability to make consistent bold and expressive brush strokes and delicate pen work.

Celebrated not only for its permanence and waterproof qualities but also for its ability to produce a full spectrum of shades, from light to dark for high-contrast work, depending on dilution. India ink's fast-drying nature and archival quality ensure that artwork maintains vibrancy and integrity. When mixed with other Higgins inks, it can create muted shades excellent for gradations and shadows. This ink is compatible with a wide range of media, making it ideal for outlining, lettering, and mixed media projects involving watercolor, acrylics, graphite, pastel, alcohol markers, and more!

Usage: May be diluted with distilled water. Close cap tightly after use. Do not mix with acids, or use as tattoo ink. Not launder-proof. Clean tools with water immediately after use or with Higgins Pen Cleaner for dried ink. Shake well before use as the black pigment may settle over time. AP, Non-toxic, Conforms to ASTM D-4236  
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## Black Magic

**Color:** Dense Black

**Water Compatibility:** Water Resistant

**Base:** Water & Shellac

**Colorant:** Pigment PBk7

**Lightfast Rating:** 1 Excellent

**Sheen:** Velvet Matte

**Recommended Surfaces:** Paper, Board, Film

**Tool Compatibility:** Brush, Dip Pen, Airbrush

**Dry Speed:** Moderate

**Category:** Fine Art Drawing

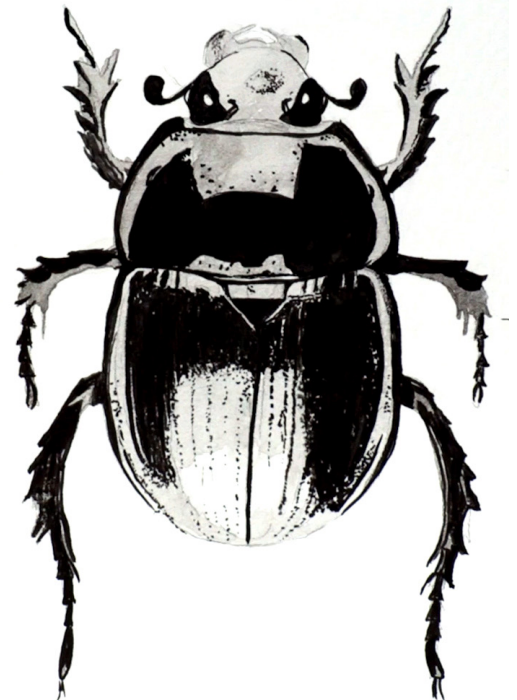
**Size:** 1oz, 16oz, 32oz



SKU: HIG44011

Higgins Black Magic India Ink is a premium, professional-grade ink that offers deep, rich pigmentation ideal for a wide range of artistic and technical applications. Renowned for its intense black color and smooth flow, this waterproof ink is perfect for creating bold brush strokes and precise pen work for calligraphy, illustration, and comic art. The dense black color is excellent for scanning and reproduction without losing quality or detail.

Black Magic is made with a finely dispersed carbon pigment that ensures a consistent, even application, whether using dip pens, brushes, or airbrushes. Its quick-drying formula prevents smudging, making it a reliable choice for detailed work that requires sharpness and clarity. Black Magic is water resistant, meaning it may smudge with water or other inks when used on less porous surfaces. This may be avoided when allowed to dry for 24 hours, or maybe used advantageously to blend shades and gradients within a short window. It's ideal for use as a top layer in a mixed media composition or alone for striking contrast on white surfaces.



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## *Non-waterproof* **Black**

**Color:** Charcoal  
**Water Compatibility:** Non-Waterproof  
**Base:** Water & Shellac  
**Colorant:** Pigment PBk7  
**Lightfast Rating:** 1 Excellent  
**Sheen:** Satin to Matte  
**Recommended Surfaces:** Paper, Board, Film  
**Tool Compatibility:** Brush, Dip Pen, Airbrush  
**Dry Speed:** Moderate  
**Category:** Fine Art Drawing  
**Size:** 1oz



SKU: HIG44021

Unlike waterproof inks, this non-waterproof formula allows for seamless blending, shading, and washes — ideal for artists who seek to create depth and dimension in their work. The ink's reactivity to water enables delicate transitions and soft gradients. Additionally, this ink is forgiving, allowing for corrections and adjustments. Its carefully balanced, carbon pigment formula is the lightest of the Higgins India Inks, but can be layered to create dense areas of black, as well as diluted to create subtle shifts in the lightest gray tones.

A warm black, this is a true artist's ink. Non-waterproof black holds precise pen line work as well as bold strokes and delicate brushwork. It differs greatly from black watercolor in that watercolor displays more water solubility and transparency than non-waterproof black ink due to the gum arabic binder. Non-waterproof black ink is semi-opaque and staining: dry edges may be softened, but are not completely lifted.

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Cleaner for dried ink. Shake well before use as the black pigment may settle over time. AP, Non-toxic, Conforms to ASTM D-4236  
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## *Acrylic* **Black**

**Color:** Neutral Black

**Water Compatibility:** Waterproof

**Base:** High Flow Acrylic Emulsion

**Colorant:** Pigment PBk7

**Lightfast Rating:** 1 Excellent

**Sheen:** Flat

**Recommended Surfaces:** Paper, Board, Film

**Tool Compatibility:** Brush, Dip Pen, Airbrush, Markers

**Dry Speed:** Moderate to slow

**Category:** Fine Art Drawing

**Size:** 1oz



SKU: 44790

Higgins Acrylic Black Ink features an unparalleled pigment load for full coverage and high lightfastness, making it ideal for illustration, fine art, and mixed media applications.

A versatile black ink, it can be combined with other acrylic inks to create muted shades for gradients and shadows. It's well suited for mixing with acrylic paint, acrylic painting mediums, and acrylic markers. Waterproof, Black Acrylic ink can be used with alcohol markers, watercolor, graphite, pastel, and a wide range of other painting and drawing media.



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## White

**Color:** Semi-Opaque White

**Water Compatibility:** Waterproof

**Base:** Water & Shellac

**Colorant:** Pigment PW6

**Lightfast Rating:** 1 Excellent

**Sheen:** Flat

**Recommended Surfaces:** Paper, Board, Film

**Tool Compatibility:** Brush, Dip Pen, Airbrush

**Dry Speed:** Slow

**Category:** Fine Art Drawing

**Size:** 1oz



SKU: 44113

Higgins White Ink is perfect for lettering, highlighting, and intricate designs. This semi-opaque white can be diluted for ghostly washes on dark surfaces, or layered for bright opaque details.

When mixed with other Higgins inks it can create highly fluid, semi-opaque pastel colors that have a gouache-like appearance when used in high concentrations of white to color. When used in lower concentrations of white, other Higgins inks remain bright but become semi-opaque.

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## Super White

**Color:** Opaque White

**Water Compatibility:** Waterproof

**Base:** Water & Shellac

**Colorant:** Pigment PW6

**Lightfast Rating:** 1 Excellent

**Sheen:** Flat

**Recommended Surfaces:** Paper, Board, Film

**Tool Compatibility:** Brush, Dip Pen, Airbrush

**Dry Speed:** Slow

**Category:** Fine Art Drawing

**Size:** 1oz



SKU: 44100

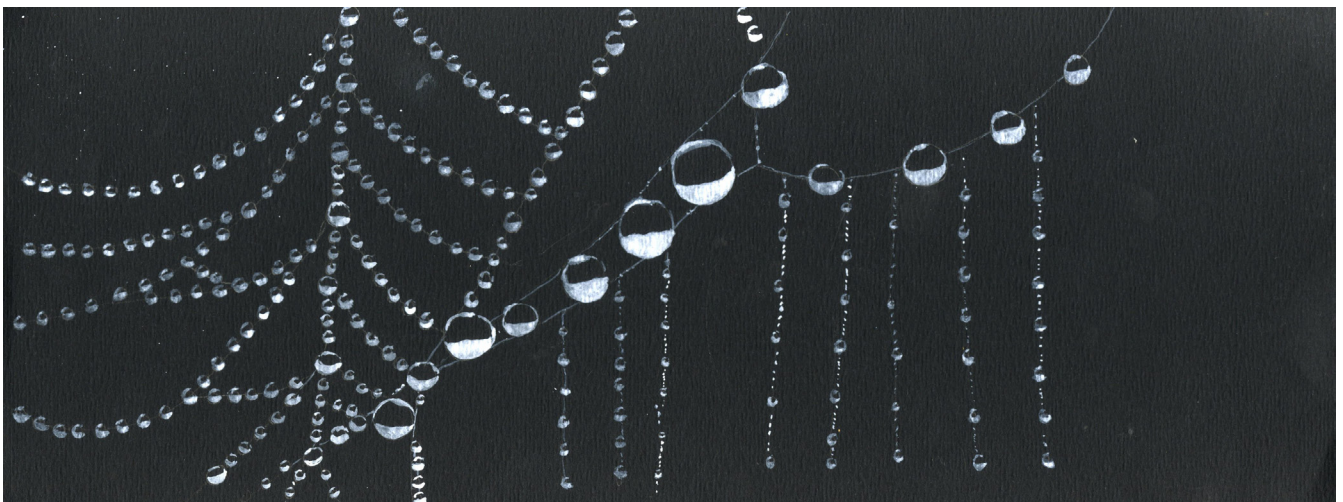
Higgins White Ink is perfect for lettering, highlighting, and detail work. It's especially striking on dark surfaces.

When mixed with other Higgins inks it can create highly fluid, opaque pastel colors that have a gouache-like appearance when used in high concentrations of white to color. When used in lower concentrations of white, other Higgins inks remain bright but become opaque.

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## Eternal Ink

**Color:** Neutral Black

**Water Compatibility:** Water Resistant

**Base:** Water & Shellac

**Colorant:** Pigment PBk7, Black Dye

**Lightfast Rating:** 1 Excellent

**Sheen:** Matte

**Recommended Surfaces:** Paper, Board, Film

**Tool Compatibility:** Brush, Dip Pen, Airbrush

**Dry Speed:** Quick

**Category:** Documental Ink

**Size:** 2.5oz



SKU: 44041

Higgins Eternal Ink originates from the 1880s. As a timeless, archival-quality ink, it's designed for those who demand the highest standards in their writing and artistic endeavors. This rich, jet-black color flows smoothly and consistently, offering a flawless experience for calligraphers and writers alike.

Its deep pigmentation ensures crisp, permanent lines that won't fade over time or with exposure to sunlight. The ink dries quickly, reducing the risk of smudging. Its resistance to water level makes it less suitable for multi-media works and should be used as a top layer when used with colored ink, watercolor, alcohol markers, and other fine art materials. Unlike Black Magic, Eternal Ink remains somewhat water soluble, even with prolonged dry time.

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## Black Calligraphy

**Color:** Charcoal

**Water Compatibility:** Water Resistant

**Base:** Water & Shellac

**Colorant:** Pigment PBk7

**Lightfast Rating:** 1 Excellent

**Sheen:** Satin

**Recommended Surfaces:** Paper, Board, Film

**Tool Compatibility:** Brush, Dip Pen, Airbrush

**Dry Speed:** Moderate

**Category:** Documental Ink

**Size:** 2.5oz



SKU: 44341

This beautiful black ink gives an old-world feel to hand lettering projects. Known for its superior pigment quality, this ink flows smoothly with dips pens and brushes, offering crisp, clean lines and a satin finish. Unlike many calligraphy and fountain pen inks, this archival-grade formula ensures work remains vibrant and unfaded, making it perfect for heirloom projects and hand lettering.

Whether used for crafting an elegant invitation or a detailed manuscript, Higgins Black Calligraphy Ink delivers depth and precision to make work stand out. Its resistance to water level makes it less suitable for multi-media works and should be used as a top layer when used with colored ink, water-color, alcohol markers, and other fine art materials. Unlike Black Magic, Black Calligraphy Ink remains somewhat water soluble, even with prolonged dry time.

Usage: May be diluted with distilled water. Close cap tightly after use. Do not mix with acids, or use as tattoo ink. Not launder-proof. Clean tools with water immediately after use or with Higgins Pen Cleaner for dried ink. Shake well before use as the black pigment may settle over time.

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## *Documental* **India Ink**

**Color:** Cool Black

**Water Compatibility:** Non-Waterproof

**Base:** Water & Shellac

**Colorant:** Pigment PBk7, Black Dye

**Lightfast Rating:** 1 Excellent

**Sheen:** Matte

**Recommended Surfaces:** Paper, Board, Film

**Tool Compatibility:** Brush, Dip Pen, Airbrush

**Dry Speed:** Moderate

**Category:** Documental Ink

**Size:** 2.5oz



SKU: 44030

Higgins Documental India Ink is the quintessential choice for artists, calligraphers, and writers who demand precision and fadeproof ink in their work. Crafted in small batches using a blend of rich, black pigment and dyes, this ink delivers a controlled flow that prevents clogging and drag with dip and glass pens while maintaining crisp, vibrant lines.

Formerly known as Fountain Pen India Ink, this ink should be used with care in everyday fountain pens. We do not recommend its use in fine writing instruments. To keep pens in good repair, clean them with water or Higgins Pen Cleaner after each use. Its water solubility makes it less suitable for multi-media works. Higgins Documental India Ink truly shines as a writing and hand lettering ink.

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