Product Overview:

Liquid Mask is a very handy product to have around, being water-based it is safe to use, you may spray it or apply by brush.

Most popular applications are bowling pins, helmets, any surface that tapes struggle to deal with. Dries clear ready for cutting and spraying, works well with basecoats and water-based basecoats, it is advisable with water-based paints to build up the layers slowly to not wet up the colour beneath.

Liquid Mask is ready to use straight from the tin, do-not reduce with water. You may spray with a tip size of 1.4 and up with two-three coats, or you can apply the same by brush allowing each coat to dry to a clear finish. The coats will be milky until dry, if applying over Auto-Air, Auto-Borne or Wicked then the first two coats need to be very light to not re-wet the colours beneath, may apply 1 coat of two-pack clear between.

Ounce the liquid mask has cured to a clear finish you may draw out your design directly to the surface with a permanent texta or fine line marker. Make sure when you do this to shade in the areas you don’t want to paint so you can easily see the image to peel out after you have cut it.

After you have carefully cut around your design with light pressure, remember you are only cutting paint not tape so a new shale knife blade and light cutting. You are now ready to carefully peel out the areas you wish to paint.
When laying down your colours whether it be Auto-Air, Auto-Borne, Wicked Colours or solvent basecoats you need to start off with light coats and it is also advisable not to spray directly at the masking edge on the first couple of coats. The reason is obvious that you wish to avoid paint bleed on objects that are harder to fix due to their nature.

Also be aware that the mask you have peeled away to paint the area is not able to be re-used allowing for one mask at a time. You may still do multiple colours by cutting your total design out and painting each piece as you go.

One advantage with liquid mask is because it isn’t applied with adhesive you will have no adhesive residue to concern yourself with once the back mask is removed.

With all the liquid mask being removed you may continue on with other masking situations if the job requires, on this bowling pin an eye is being sprayed over the underlying lava design. Notice the 3M green automotive masking tape covers the area with one pass at 2” wide.
Now this job is ready for clear coat, even though solvents were used you may have used Auto-Air or Wicked Colours. For prep with the water based paints sand with 600 grit and apply Auto-Air Sealer Dark or White. It would be advisable to apply two coats of 2k clear and sand back before applying the clear mask. The top coats clear is not waisted as when you final clear the pin the depth of clear will be much deeper.