

FABRIC PAINT

I N S T R U C T I O N S

1. What You Will Need To Supply:

- Clothes or items to be fabric painted
- Stiff bristle brushes
- Paper towel
- Card, waxed or parchment paper or corrugated cardboard
- Containers for fabric paint and clean water
- Place to allow fabric painted projects sit to dry
- Iron for heat setting

2.

Prewash materials to be fabric painted to remove sizing. Do not use fabric softeners or dryer sheets. 100% cotton and linen works best, but fabric paint will remain permanent on many synthetics, rayon and silk.



(See reverse side for fabric tip)

3.

Set up work area. Cover entire surface with paper. Have paper towel on hand to wipe excess water and fabric paint from brush, clean hands and wipe up spills.



4.



Smooth or iron out any wrinkles in fabric. Place card, waxed or parchment paper or corrugated cardboard between surfaces when fabric painting items such as a t-shirt or tote bag to prevent color transfer. Fabric may be pinned to the corrugated layer to secure fabric in place.

5.

Pour a small amount of fabric paint colors to be used into containers.

Fill a separate container with water to wash brush between colors.

(See reverse side for mixing tips)



6.

Apply fabric paint with a stiff bristle brush to push paint into fabric. Be sure to keep hands clean to prevent unwanted color transfer.

(See reverse side for design tips)



7.



Allow fabric paint to dry for 24 hours or longer before heat setting. The fabric paint will not be permanent until it is heat set.

8.

Heat set fabric paint with an iron on medium to hot setting for 3 to 5 minutes. Use a cooler temperature if fabric is delicate and iron longer. Iron one square foot section at a time, moving constantly to prevent scorching the fabric. Be sure to turn off steam setting on iron and use only the dry heat setting. A thin cloth may be placed over area to be ironed to prevent color transfer to iron surface. A cloth may also be put down on ironing board to protect cover from color transfer. *(See reverse side for alternate heat setting method and laundering tip)*





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FABRIC TIP:

Tighter, more finely woven fabric will be easier to paint detail on than loosely woven fabric.

MIXING TIPS:

Mix fabric paint with water to obtain a thinner consistency.

Mix fabric paint with fabric paint base to obtain a transparent shade. (Base included in 12 - pint kit and available separately)

Mix fabric paint with fabric paint binder to improve washability. Add three tablespoons of binder per pint of fabric paint or two teaspoons of binder per 4 ounces of fabric paint. The addition of binder may stiffen fabric. Fabric paint binder is recommended if fabric contains wool or silk; add 1 part binder to 7 parts fabric paint. (Binder included in 12 - pint kit and available separately)

DESIGN TIPS:

Stenciling: Stencils may be taped to item to guide design. Apply the paint with a gentle pounding motion, holding the brush straight up and down. Avoid overloading the brush to prevent seepage under the stencil.

Stamping: Stamps and other items may be used to create stamped designs. Apply paint evenly over entire stamping surface with brush, sponge or roller. Avoid overloading. Press painted surface firmly, being sure to press entire surface against fabric to ensure complete design transfer. Then lift stamp straight up.

Sponging: Cut compressed sponges into shapes or use sea sponges to create designs. Soak sponge in water and then wring out until the sponge is damp. Put sponge in paint to cover entire design surface. Do not completely soak sponge in paint, blot sponge on paper towel to remove excess paint. Press painted surface onto fabric using even pressure. Then lift sponge straight up.

Watercoloring: Lightly dampen fabric before painting to encourage colors to blend into each other for a watercolor-like effect. Use a spray bottle to add water as needed to maintain dampness or to add new areas of dampness.

Drawing: Squeeze fabric paint directly from bottle to draw a design free handed or using drawn guiding fabric pencil or chalk pencil lines. Holding bottle tip against fabric, squeeze and drag tip along fabric surface. Change angle of bottle to increase or decrease depth of paint. (Fabric paint in 4 ounce size comes in bottles with tips)

Printing: Apply fabric paint with block or screen printing methods. For block printing follow stamping directions above. For screen printing secure printing frame to item and apply paint with squeegee. Avoid overloading screen.

ALTERNATE HEAT SETTING METHOD:

Heat set in oven at 275° for five minutes or 350° for three minutes in a covered pan to avoid scorching.

LAUNDERING TIP:

For regularly laundered clothing or fabric, wash on gentle cycle inside out with mild detergent and line dry for best results.



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