



FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint Frequently Asked Questions

What is FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint?

FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint is an ultra-pigmented paint perfect for hand-lettering art, home décor projects, and sign-making. When brushed onto a surface, the paint flows smoothly, self-levels, and dries to a permanent satin finish.

On what types of surfaces can I use FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint?

Many surfaces can be decorated with FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint: wood, papier mache, canvas, metal, glass, glazed ceramics, paper, and terracotta. This paint also works well on acrylic-painted or stained surfaces. Make sure to seal or basecoat porous surfaces such as plaster and bisque before applying Brush Lettering Paint.

If FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint has settled in the bottle, should it be shaken prior to using it?

Yes, before using, shake or stir Brush Lettering Paint well to mix until the color is uniform.

What are the best tools to use when lettering with FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint?

The FolkArt Brush Lettering Brush set (item #61114) is ideal for use with FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint. The three-brush set includes a 3 mm, 4 mm and 6 mm brush, each manufactured with long, flexible, flat-tipped synthetic bristles. The combination of the bristle length and shape makes these brushes perfect for creating smooth, clean edges when lettering. The longer bristles also hold more paint—meaning you can load your brush less frequently while you brush several letters at a time. The brush handles also have a protective coating to extend the life of the brush.

What is the best brush lettering technique to be used with FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint and FolkArt Lettering Brushes?

The two things to bear in mind while brush-lettering are brush placement and brushstroke pressure. Hold your brush almost upright to the surface. Apply greater pressure on downward strokes, which will widen the bristles and create a plumper stroke; apply very light pressure on upward strokes to create narrow painted lines.

Can I use FolkArt Lettering Brushes with other paints?

Yes, the FolkArt Lettering Brushes can be used with FolkArt Acrylics thinned with a touch of FolkArt Floating Medium or water.

Can I use FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint as a basecoat or color block a small area?

Yes, FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint can be used to color block a small area; however, it is not recommended to use as a basecoat for larger areas. When color blocking, use stencil tape

to block areas to be painted and apply the paints using a soft bristled brush, stroking in one direction with light pressure. Allow to dry one hour between applications.

Can FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint be used on outdoor surfaces?

Yes, FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint can be used on outdoor surfaces; however, make sure to seal the project once dried and cured. Otherwise, the metallic finishes will tarnish and become dull when exposed to outdoor elements.

Can I use water to thin FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint?

No, because the solvent-based FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint is pre-formulated to provide a flowing consistency, you should not use water to thin the paint.

Do I need to seal FolkArt Hand Lettering Paint?

Yes, projects using FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint should be sealed with a clear acrylic spray sealer to protect the project surface and to keep the paint's metallic colors tarnish-resistant. After the paint has dried and cured, very lightly spray the project surface, then wait 60 seconds before spraying a medium application to seal; allow to dry completely.

How should I clean my tools after using FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint?

Because FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint is solvent-based, you should clean brushes with nail polish remover, mineral spirits, or an enamel paint thinner such as xylene or toluene. After cleaning the brushes with one of the aforementioned solvent cleaners, wash the brush bristles in soap and warm water, reshape with your fingers, and allow to dry upright.

How long does it take FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint to dry and cure?

FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint takes up to an hour to dry completely and takes approximately 48 hours to cure on a surface.

Is a project created using FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint dishwasher-safe?

No, project created with FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint are not dishwasher-safe, nor should they be immersed in water. These surfaces should be used for decorative purposes only.

Can I use FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint while burning a candle or near an open flame?

No, FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint is highly flammable and thus should not be used when smoking or near an open flame. Use with adequate ventilation. Do not store in excessive heat or near an open flame.

What should I do if FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint makes contact with my skin?

Avoid prolonged contact with skin. Immediately remove FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint from skin using nail polish remover and then immediately wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and warm water.

What should I do if FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint makes direct contact with my eyes?

If the paint comes in direct contact with your eye, immediately rinse the affected area with water for 5–10 minutes. If irritation persists, seek immediate medical attention.

Is FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint harmful if swallowed?

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Yes, FolkArt Brush Lettering Paint is harmful if swallowed and can even be fatal. If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting; instead, seek immediate medical attention by calling 911 or your local poison control center. If inhalation symptoms occur, move to fresh air. If symptoms persist, see a physician.