



FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint Frequently Asked Questions

What is FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint?

FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint is a high-quality multi-surface gel-type acrylic paint that can be used in concentrate or diluted with water to create soft watercolor effects.

Is FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint non-toxic?

Yes, FolkArt Watercolor Acrylics are water-based and completely non-toxic.

On what types of surfaces can I use FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint?

Many surfaces can be decorated with FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint, such as wood, papier mache, paper, glass, canvas, and fabric. On sealed surfaces such as glassware, ceramics, tin, metal, and plastic, FolkArt Watercolor should be used for decorative purposes only.

What makes FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint different from other craft paints?

FolkArt Watercolor is formulated as a gel-based acrylic paint that can easily be spread or brushed out very smoothly when used as a concentrate. It can also be diluted with water to create soft painted wet effects with varying layers of color.

How should I prepare surfaces before painting with FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint?

FolkArt Watercolor does not require a lot of surface prep. The main concern is to have the surface thoroughly cleaned prior to painting.

- **Wood** – If desired, sand smooth any rough areas prior to painting.
- **Terracotta** – Wipe to remove dust. If the terracotta has been previously used, be sure to thoroughly clean in warm soapy water to remove all dirt deposits and allow to dry completely. If the terracotta flower pot will be used with a live plant, seal interior prior to planting so water does not seep through possibly blistering exterior paint.
- **Metal and Tin** – Metal that has been sealed should be washed in warm soapy water, dried and then wiped with white distilled vinegar to remove remaining grease or soap residue.
- **Canvas** – No prep required prior to painting on canvas.
- **Papier Mache** – Wipe over surface with dry paper towel to remove dust.

- **Glass and Ceramics** – Wash surface well in warm soapy water, rinse and allow to dry thoroughly. Wipe over surface with rubbing alcohol to remove remaining soap or grease residue.
- **Bisque or Unglazed Ceramics** – Wipe to remove dust or loose dirt.
- **Fabric** – Prewash to remove manufacturer's sizing. Allow to dry, and if necessary, iron to remove wrinkles (without adding spray starch).

What is the best way to apply FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint?

Typical watercolor painting techniques can be used when creating with FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint. This paint can be used in its concentrated form as well as diluted with water to create soft, watery effects. You can also experiment with paint applications through stencils, around stencil tape masks, working in layers of soft color allowing each layer to dry before adding the next, over permanent pen and ink designs, and with FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Resist.

Can I mix two FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paints to achieve a new color or different value of the same color?

Yes, FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paints can be intermixed with one another to create a new color or different value of the same color. To create a new color value, mix small amounts of color at a time, and using a palette knife, blend a small amount of darker color into the lighter color; continue adding small amounts of the dark color until the desired value is achieved. A variety of tones can also be achieved by varying the amount of water used to dilute the paint and how many layers or washes of color are painted over the same area.

Does FolkArt Color Watercolor Acrylic Paint hold up well on outdoor surfaces?

Yes, FolkArt Watercolor can be used on interior surfaces as well as on outdoor surfaces.

Can I use water to thin FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint?

Yes, water can be used to dilute FolkArt Watercolor to achieve a variety of wash effects.

Can FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint be used with other paint products?

No, direct mixing of FolkArt Watercolor with other paint products will compromise the color, finish, and ability to achieve the desired watercolor effect.

What are the best tools to use when working with FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paints?

We recommend using the specially-designed FolkArt Watercolor Brush Set or the FolkArt Water Brush Set when painting with FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paints.

The FolkArt Watercolor Brush Set contains three different brushes—a large pointed oval wash brush, a large round brush, and a script liner—all of which feature synthetic bristles ideal for painting watercolor effects on a variety of surfaces. The versatile set allows for both detail work and painting larger areas with washes of color.

The two brushes included in the FolkArt Water Brush Set feature a built-in water reservoir, allowing for greater control of the watercolor effect when painting with FolkArt Watercolor Acrylics. The bristles are manufactured with super-soft synthetic nylon. The clear reservoir handle securely contains water and keeps the bristles fresh and ready to use.

How long does it take FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint to dry?

A standard brushstroke painted on a porous surface will be dry to the touch within approximately 25 minutes and completely dried within an hour, depending on the amount of water used to dilute the paint. On sealed surfaces, the same standard brushstroke painted on a will be dry to the touch usually within two hours. Actual dry times can vary based on the application of paint and the humidity of the work environment.

How long does it take FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint to cure?

Although FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint dries to the touch very quickly, it will take approximately 48 hours before it is cured to the surface.

Is a project created using FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint dishwasher-safe?

No, surfaces painted with FolkArt Watercolor are not dishwasher-safe, nor should they be immersed in water; these surfaces should be used for decorative purposes only.

Is it necessary to seal or varnish FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint?

Projects created using FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paints do not need to be sealed; however, for extra durability and protection, project surfaces can be sealed using FolkArt Acrylic Lacquers or brushed with FolkArt Artists' Varnish.

Is it necessary to heat set FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint when painted on fabric?

Yes, heat-setting will ensure the durability of your FolkArt Watercolor fabric project. Follow the instructions below to heat-set your project.

1. Allow the decorated fabric to dry 24 hours.
2. Heat set the painted surface using a dry iron set to the highest setting allowed for the fabric and a pressing cloth. Do NOT use steam.
3. Position the project fabric decorated-side up, then lay a pressing cloth over the fabric and lightly press the decorated fabric area for 30 seconds.
4. Lift the iron and move to another section; continue until the entire design area has been heat set.

How should I clean my brushes after using FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint?

After using FolkArt Watercolor Acrylics, clean brushes with mild soap and water.

What is FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint Resist?

FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint Resist is a clear, unpigmented multi-surface resist that prevents watercolor washes from bleeding. Masks can be created when brushed onto a project surface; when the Resist is dry, washes diluted FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint can

be applied without coloring the resist design areas. FolkArt Watercolor Acrylic Paint Resist is water-based, non-toxic, and dries to a permanent finish.