



## Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paint Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paint?**

Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paint is a high-performance, premium acrylic craft paint featuring a patented polymer resin system specially formulated for use on all surfaces. With a rich and creamy consistency, Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints give artists and crafters the ability to achieve professional looking results each and every time.

### **What is the difference between Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints that bear the family-friendly symbol and those that don't?**

In addition to the standard Art and Creative Materials Institute (ACMI) safety testing performed on all Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints, Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints with the family-friendly symbol have passed additional toxicology and safety testing in order to be compliant with Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) regulations—meaning that these paints are safe for use by families with children ages 3 and up. Featuring a bright, vivid palette of satin, pearl, metallic, glitter, neon, and glow-in-the-dark paints, this selection of paints has been created specifically with family crafting in mind.



*Martha Stewart products with the family-friendly symbol are CPSIA compliant and safe for use by families with children over 3 years of age.*

### **How are the family-friendly Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Glitter Paints different than the other Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Glitter Paints?**

The selection of family-friendly Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Glitter Paints features specialty effects not found in the original Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Glitter Paints: matte finish, holographic glitter particles, and even shaped glitter particles!

### **Can the particles in the family-friendly Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Glitter Paints settle over time?**

Yes, the glitter particles in the family-friendly glitter paints will settle over time due to their large size. Be sure to shake the bottle well before each use.

### **What types of surfaces work best with Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints?**

Many surfaces can be decorated with Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints: wood, tin, ceramic, glass, terracotta, canvas, plastic, paper mache, plaster, and fabric.

### **Are Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints available in different finishes?**

Yes, presently Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints are formulated in five high-quality finishes: Satin, High Gloss, Glitter, Metallic, and Pearl.

### **Can Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints be used on both porous and non-porous surfaces?**

Yes, because Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paint is a self-priming paint—meaning it will seal to protect and color a surface at the same time—it can be used on both porous and non-porous surfaces.

## **How should I prepare my project surface when using Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints?**

Generally speaking, working with Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paint does not entail significant surface prep; just make sure the surface has been cleaned thoroughly prior to painting.

- **Wood:** Sand smooth with fine grit sandpaper, wipe away sawdust.
- **Tin:** Wash with soap and water; wipe with white vinegar dampened cloth.
- **Glass/Ceramic:** Wash with soap and water; wipe with rubbing alcohol dampened cloth. Allow surface to dry 15-30 minutes before painting.
- **Terracotta:** Wipe clean; seal pot interior with paint or couple coats of clay pot sealer.
- **Canvas:** Wipe primed canvas clean; if unprimed, apply a couple coats of gesso primer.
- **Plastic:** Wipe clean with damp cloth.
- **Paper Mache:** Wipe clean with damp cloth.
- **Plaster:** Wipe clean with damp cloth.
- **Concrete:** Coat with white vinegar, let dry, rinse, and dry thoroughly.
- **Fabric:** Pre-wash in soap and water; dry thoroughly without fabric softener or dryer sheet.

## **Can I mix Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints to create a new color or value?**

Yes, Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints can be mixed easily to create any value you desire; however, for best results, you should only mix colors with the same finish: satin to satin, and gloss to gloss, etc.

## **How do I clean Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints out of my brushes?**

After using Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints, clean your tools with mild soap and warm water.

# **Using Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paint on Glassware and Ceramics**

## **Are Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints permanent on glass or ceramics?**

Yes, Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints are formulated with extra adhesive properties—making them the perfect paint for glass painting without using a primer or sealer. Once dry, cure your painted glass surface using the oven curing method outlined above.

## **What are the curing instructions for Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints?**

Paint is permanent after air-drying for 21 days for most surfaces. For optimal adhesion to glass or ceramics, cure the painted item in the oven, according to the instructions below:

1. Allow painted item to dry for 24 hours to be sure all layers of paint have dried.
2. Place project in a cool oven, as the glass must heat gradually with the oven to avoid breakage; do not place glass in a hot oven.
3. Set oven temperature to 350°F.
4. Once temperature has reached 350°F, allow the project to bake for 30 minutes.
5. After 30 minutes, turn the oven off and let glass cool down completely before removing from the oven.
6. Do not use for 72 hours.

Note: Glitter Craft Paint and Coarse Glitter Craft Paint cannot be baked and must air-dry for 21 days.

## **How can I wash my project painted with Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Paint after it has been cured in the oven?**

Projects can be hand-washed or cleaned in the top rack of a standard, non-commercial dishwasher. Do not use in dishwasher if it has pot scrubbing features or top jets.

**Are Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints food safe?**

Although Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints are water-based and non-toxic, they should never be applied to an area that could come in direct contact with food or drink. For dinnerware, either apply the paint to the backside of the dish—keeping the front free of paint and available for food use—or apply the paint to only the rim of the front side of the dish, keeping the center free for food service. For drinkware, make sure to leave a ¾” rim around the top of the drinking vessel free of paint. Regardless of the method used, make sure also to oven-cure the surface prior to use.

**Is glassware painted with Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints microwaveable?**

No, glassware painted with Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints is not microwave-safe.

## **Using Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paint with Fabrics**

**What types of fabrics can be decorated with Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints?**

Fabrics such as denims, cottons, poly/cotton blends, woven blends, and home décor textiles can be decorated using Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints.

**Should fabric be prewashed before decorating with Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints?**

Yes, to remove manufacturer’s sizing, all fabrics should be prewashed using soap and water following the garment’s washing instructions. Do not use liquid fabric softener. Further, most denims should be washed multiple times in hot water. After washing, dry thoroughly—without using a dryer sheet—before decorating. If needed, iron wrinkles smooth without using spray starch.

**Do I need to support or back my fabric project while painting with Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints?**

Yes, for best results, you should create a firm painting surface—such as cardboard covered in wax paper—between your fabric project and your work surface.

**Do I have to use a medium when fabric painting using Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints?**

Yes, water-based Martha Stewart Fabric Medium was developed to be used with Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints when painting on fabric. Shake medium well, mix one (1) part medium to two (2) parts paints. The thinned mixture can be applied through stencil or hand-painted. Clean up while wet with soap and water.

**What is the best way to apply Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints to fabric surfaces?**

When applying Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints premixed with Martha Stewart Fabric Medium, use a moderately heavy application. Moderate to heavy paint applications will have greater durability, whereas a lighter paint application will have less durability.

**When fabric painting, do I need to scrub Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints into the fabric?**

When painting on fabric, use enough brush pressure to press paint into the fabric fibers which will increase the adhesive properties.

**Can I thin Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints fabric painting mixture with water to achieve different painted effects?**

Yes, the fabric painted mixture (one part Martha Stewart Fabric Medium to 2 parts Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paint), can be thinned with water to create detailed line-work. It can also be spritzed onto fabric using a clean pump spray bottle.

### **Do I need to heat set my fabric project when using Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints?**

Yes, for maximum durability, heat-setting fabric projects painted with Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints is recommended. After you've allowed 24 hours for your decorated fabric project to air-dry, follow one of the two following methods to heat-set your project:

- **Dryer Method:** Turn garment inside out; place item in dryer for 30 minutes on highest setting allowed for the type of fabric used.
- **Iron Method:** Place decorated item right side up on ironing board; cover with dry pressing cloth. Set iron to highest setting allowed for fabric used. Place dry iron (no steam) on area pressing for 30 seconds, lift iron moving to another area until all sections are heat set.

### **How should I wash my hand-painted fabric item decorated with Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints?**

For maximum durability, hand-wash your fabric project in cold water and allow to air-dry. If machine-washing, turn the garment inside out and wash in cold water with mild detergent on the gentle cycle.

## **Using Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paint Outdoors**

### **Can I use my Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints on outdoor projects?**

Yes, because Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints are UV- and weather-resistant, they can be used on an outdoor surface, provided that the surface itself can withstand outdoor elements.

### **How should I prepare a concrete surface for outdoor use when painting with Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints?**

When basecoating a concrete surface, a lime neutralizer—such as household white vinegar—is needed. Coat concrete with vinegar, let dry, rinse well, and dry thoroughly before painting. Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints are not recommended for large concrete areas subject to foot traffic such as a patio.

## **Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paint Safety**

### **Are Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints non-toxic?**

Yes, all Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints are non-toxic and have been rigorously tested for safety. All Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints bear the AP seal, signifying that they're certified non-toxic.

### **Have any Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints been tested on animals?**

No, none of the Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints have been used on animals as part of our toxicology and safety testing.

### **Do any Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints contain known allergens?**

No, none of the Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints contain known allergens.

### **Do any Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints contain natural rubber?**

No, none of the Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Acrylic Paints contain natural rubber.

**Where can I learn more about CPSIA regulations and ACMI testing methods?**

You can learn about the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act by visiting the Consumer Product Safety Commission's [website](#). Find out more about ACMI by downloading the [ACMI Information Packet](#).