

# Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paint Frequently Asked Questions

#### What are Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paints?

Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paints are water-based and non-toxic glitter fabric paints perfect for hand-painting, sponging, stamping, and color-blocking on fabrics! The soft-body consistency is perfect for brushwork and easy to use on a wide variety of fabrics. Decorated fabric surfaces will not dry stiff, nor does the paint peel or flake off when dry. Once dry and heat-set, fabric decorated with Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paints can be washed either by hand or in the gentle cycle.

#### Can I mix Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paints to achieve a new color?

Yes, FolkArt Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paints can be intermixed with one another to create a new and different glitter mixture. Mixing small quantities at a time, simply pour a small amount of each paint onto a palette. Then, using a palette knife, mix one paint into the other until the desired combination has been achieved. Note that you are not actually altering color values, only changing the color ratio of the colored glitter particles.

What types of fabrics can be decorated using Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paints? Fabrics such as cottons, poly-cotton blends, woven blends, denims, velvets or velour, and home décor textiles can be used as surfaces when using Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paints.

### Should I prewash the fabric to remove sizing before painting using Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paints?

Yes, all fabrics should be prewashed using soap and water following the manufacturer's washing instructions. Most denim fabrics should be washed multiple times in hot water to remove thoroughly the sizing in the fabric. DO NOT use liquid fabric softener or dryer sheet as doing so may prevent the paint from adhering to your fabric properly. If your garment is wrinkled, you may iron the fabric as instructed on the garment label; however, DO NOT use spray starch as that, too, may prevent the paint from adhering to your fabric properly.

## When decorating fabric with Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paints, should I use a protective layer beneath the fabric?

Yes, when decorating with Fantasy Glitter paint, you should place a protective layer beneath the fabric. Wax paper or even a piece of cardboard wrapped in plastic wrap can be used as a protective layer under the top layer of fabric. Not only will this protect the work surface as well as the under layers of fabric in the event a heavy amount of paint is applied, but it will also provide a firm surface upon which to paint. You may also find it helpful to tape a piece of fine grade sandpaper to the cardboard form to keep the fabric from shifting while painting.

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#### Can I use water to thin Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paint?

No, do not use water to thin Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter fabric paints; they are formulated to be used directly from the bottle. Thinning these paints with water will prevent them from properly adhering to your fabric surface.

### What is the best application technique to use when painting with Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paints?

To ensure an opaque, glitter-filled surface, apply Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paints in multiple light coats. Working with a soft-bristled flat brush and while using light pressure, apply the paint by "laying it down" onto the fabric surface, holding the brush at a 45° angle. Try not to overwork or over-stroke the paint while applying, as this will move glitter particles. Allow each coat to dry thoroughly, then reapply as needed to reach desired glitter coverage.

How long does it take for the Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paint to dry and cure? Generally, Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter paints dry within two hours; however, it can take up to 24 hours, depending upon the thickness of application as well as the humidity of your work area. The decorated fabric surface will be cured in 72 hours.

### Is it necessary to heat set a fabric project when using Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paint?

Yes, heat-setting is recommended to maximize the durability of your fabric decorated with Fantasy Glitter fabric paint. To heat-set your project, follow the instructions below:

- 1. Allow the decorated fabric to dry overnight.
- 2. Heat an iron to the highest setting allowed for the decorated fabric.
- 3. Keeping the heated iron dry, position the project fabric decorated-side up and then lay a pressing cloth over the fabric.
- 4. Without using steam, press the decorated fabric area for 15 seconds, lift the iron and move to another section.
- 5. Continue until the entire design area has been heat-set.

#### How should I clean my supplies after using Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter paints?

To clean your supplies after using Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter paints, use mild soap and water immediately after use.

How should I launder fabrics decorated with Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter Fabric Paint?

Once heat-set, a project painted with Fabric Creations Fantasy Glitter paints can be machine-laundered on the gentle cycle; however, to preserve the life and durability of your decorated fabric, it is always best to hand-wash in cold water and allow to air-dry.