



Frequently Asked Questions

What are the three most important features of FolkArt® Fabric™ Paints?

1. FolkArt Fabric Paints are formulated the same as FolkArt® Acrylics with the same rich, creamy consistency which allows the decorative artist to paint many different techniques including the popular One Stroke™ painting techniques.
2. FolkArt Fabric Paints are also formulated with the decorative artist in mind. These paints have excellent hide, so that when painting on dark fabrics, your colors will remain bright and not be dulled by the dark fabric showing through the decorative painting.
3. When painting with FolkArt Fabric Paints, your fabric item will remain soft to the touch when dry. Your painted design will not dry hard, or stiff.

What types of fabrics can I decorative paint on using FolkArt Fabric Paints?

Fabrics such as denims, cottons, poly cotton blends, woven blends, and home décor textiles can be used as surfaces for fabric painting when using FolkArt Fabric Paints.

Should I prewash the fabric before painting my design?

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 thoroughly remove the sizing in the fabric. **DO NOT** use a liquid fabric softener or a dryer sheet as this may prevent the paints from adhering properly. If your garment is wrinkled, you may iron the fabric as instructed on the garment label, **DO NOT** use a spray starch product.

What is the best way to support my project while painting my design?

The FolkArt Fabric Painting Forms are the perfect way to support your project while painting. These were designed to provide a firm painting surface and prevent bleed through. If the Fabric Painting Forms are not available in your area, simply improvise by placing a wax paper or plastic wrapped cardboard form behind the area to be painted. You may also find it helpful to tape a piece of fine grade sandpaper to the form; this will keep your fabric from shifting while painting.

While painting, can I use water to thin the FolkArt Fabric paints?

It is best **NOT** to thin FolkArt Fabric paints with water as this will dilute the acrylic polymer of the paint and lessen the adhesion properties of the paint. Why produce a great piece of artwork only to watch the design weaken or fade with washing?

How can I add a “spritzed” background color to a project if water should not be used?

To create a “spritzed” background color to a project, mix FolkArt Fabric Brush-on Paint with FolkArt Fabric Spray Medium in a spray bottle. There is no exact mixture, simply add the paint color of your choice until you achieve the desired color intensity. To avoid clogs in the spray nozzle, make sure to wash it out after every use. Remove the sprayer from the bottle and place it in a cup of water. Spray until no color sprays out of nozzle.

How thick should I apply my FolkArt Fabric Brush-on Paint?

When applying FolkArt Fabric Brush-on paints to fabric, use a moderately heavy application of paint. It is best to keep your brush full of paint when painting with FolkArt Fabric Brush-on paint, moderate to heavy applications will have greater durability. A lighter application of paint will have less durability.

Should I “scrub” the FolkArt Fabric Brush-on Paint into the fabric while painting?

When applying the paint, use enough brush pressure to press the FolkArt Fabric Brush-on paint into the fabric, by doing this, you will increase the adhesion of the paint to the fabric.

Can I apply FolkArt Fabric Dimensional Paint directly on the FolkArt Fabric Brush-on painted design?

Yes, as a matter of fact, the best adhesion is made when the FolkArt Fabric Dimensional paint is painted as an accent directly on top of the **WET** FolkArt Fabric Brush-on paint. To ensure maximum adhesion, you must apply the dimensional paint on top of wet brush-on paint (within 8 hours) and prior to heat setting. The FolkArt Fabric Dimensional paint can be used to paint borders, accents or to outline. Place the tip of the bottle on the fabric. Hold the bottle at an angle and pull the bottle around the element to be highlighted. When using the FolkArt Fabric Dimensional paint, you will not be able to heat set by iron, air dry your project for 72 hours and turn your garment inside out and heat set in the dryer for 30 minutes

How long does it take for the painted design to dry?

The FolkArt Fabric Brush-on paint and the FolkArt Fabric Dimensional paint will air dry within 24 hours and will be cured in 72 hours.

Is it necessary to heat set my fabric painting project when using FolkArt Fabric Brush-on Paints?

Heat setting is recommended for best durability. Allow the painted design to dry overnight. Place the item in a clothes dryer for 30 minutes on the highest setting allowed for the type of fabric used, **OR** you may heat set the painted piece using a dry iron and a pressing cloth by laying the pressing cloth over the painted fabric and iron the painted design for 10 seconds, lift the iron and move it to another section of the painted design. Your iron should be set at the highest setting allowed for the fabric used. **NOTE: When using the FolkArt Fabric Dimensional paint, you will not be able to heat set by iron, air dry your project for 72 hours and turn your garment inside out and heat set in the dryer for 30 minutes.**

Can I add embellishments such as gems, or crystals to my painted design?

Yes, your fabric painted design may be adorned with gems or crystals. Using tweezers, place the crystal onto a dot of wet FolkArt Fabric Dimensional paint and allow it to dry. The FolkArt Fabric Dimensional paint makes a great adhesive when applying crystals to your artwork.

What is the best way to clean up my supplies or a small painted mistake?

FolkArt Fabric paints are water soluble and clean up is easy using soap and water to clean your brushes. While painting, if a mistake is made, try incorporating the dot of paint into the design by adding another flower or a lady bug, etc. However, if you begin cleaning the wet, misplaced drop of paint quickly using soap and water, the mistake can be cleaned up.

How shall I launder my FolkArt Fabric painted item?

FolkArt Fabric Brush-on and FolkArt Fabric Dimensional paints have been tested for machine washing, however, with all hand painted items, it is best if they are hand washed in cold water and air dried which will increase their durability. If washing by machine, turn your garment which has been painted **without** dimensional accents inside out and use cold water with a mild detergent on the gentle cycle of your washer and dryer. **DO NOT place the item in the washer or dryer if dimensional paints or crystal embellishments have been used. Remember: You MUST still follow heat setting instructions prior to wearing and/or laundering your garment.**

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