

# mont marte®



## RECOMMENDED CARE INSTRUCTIONS...

This helpful guide of handy tips and hints will assist you in removing paint from your skin, household furnishings or clothing. Before we go any further let us appreciate and understand the nature of paint and pigment. All paint that has cured or dried has the potential to leave a latent stain, so any removal must be undertaken when the paint is still wet for best results.

**SOME MONT MARTE PRODUCTS ARE LABELLED WITH THE TERM 'WASHABLE' THIS MEANS THAT IT WASHES OFF SKIN WITH WARM SOAPY WATER.**

The ability to remove a stain also depends on the type of material stained and as such we advise that no paint of any sort come into contact with porous surfaces e.g. wallpaper, unsealed wood, carpet, clothing or upholstery to name a few. Remember to cover yourself and your work area in an appropriate manner that helps prevent spills or splatters. Prevention is always better than cure.

**NOTE: ACRYLIC PAINTS AND OIL PAINTS ARE NOT WASHABLE**

## MONT MARTE ACRYLIC PAINTS AND WATERCOLOUR PAINTS...

We design our paint to stay on your chosen surface but if it does get on fabric/clothing and you can get to it before it dries, scrape off any residual paint with a butter knife and then soak the fabric in cold water and detergent overnight. This will usually dissipate the pigment (some pigments are harder to clean especially reds). If some stain still remains, try using a stain remover such as Preen or Sards Wonder Soap, and with a stiff bristle gently brush/agitate the area until satisfied. Perform a test patch as hard scrubbing might ruin the fabric i.e. silk. Then follow the recommended washing instructions on the fabric as normal.

If after washing the stain is still present, you could try using Dettol, Windex or white spirit and carefully rub the area. Once this stain has been removed you can wash as normal in cold water. Do not place the garment in the dryer, let the garment air dry. It is recommended to test a patch before using this solution on the entire affected area.

Acrylic paints once dry are permanent.

## MONT MARTE POSTER PAINTS...

These paints are washable from skin with warm soapy water. They are generally washable from most fabrics. For best results wash immediately before paint dries with lukewarm/cold water and detergent. Dry paint may set permanently if using hot water.

## MONT MARTE OIL COLOUR...

If oil paint finds its way onto fabric then remove the residual paint with a butter knife and then douse the affected area in turpentine, try not to let the stain spread beyond its original borders. Perform a test patch to ensure the turpentine does not ruin the original fabric. Rinse the stain with warm water. If the stain still remains, gently repeat the process.

Once the majority of the stain has been removed use a stain remover such as Preen or Sards Wonder Soap and with a stiff bristle brush gently agitate the area (again test an area to ensure you don't ruin the fabric), rinse again with warm water and if the stain is removed, launder as usual with cold water. Do not place the garment in the dryer, let the garment air dry.

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## MONT MARTE BRUSHES...

Brushes should be rinsed out as soon as they have been used. The rinsing agent should be the appropriate thinner for the emulsion. For oils this is turpentine. In the case of acrylics this is water.

If by chance the paint has dried in the brushes then soak the affected brush in dish-washing detergent for 45 minutes and then massage the bristles under cold water. Squeeze the water out and mould the brush into its original shape and lie flat to dry.

Unfortunately a dried out brush with oil paints is virtually impossible to clean.

## CONCLUSION...

We understand at Mont Marte that mess is a by product of fun! To minimise the effects of this 'by product' we have created products like our Mont Marte kids smocks and Mont Marte aprons.

It is also recommended that children and adults wear appropriate clothing and any work area or surface that could possibly come in to contact with paint be covered with a waterproof covering. Your furniture and household goods are treasured possessions and as such should be appropriately protected.

Remember to always prepare your area properly and have loads of fun. Happy creating.