



## Use and care guide

### Quick facts & hacks

- Paints dry permanently on porous surfaces (like clothes & canvas)
- Paint is pigment-based which means it always has the potential to stain
- 'Washable' paints can be removed from skin easily with warm, soapy water
- Acrylic and oil paints are not washable
- We always advise covering your clothes and surfaces to protect them while creating!

- If water-based paints get on your clothes, grab a butter knife and scrape off as much as you can while it's still wet
- Then soak the fabric in cold water and detergent overnight to break down the colour
- For stubborn marks, apply stain remover with a stiff brush but be gentle on delicate fabrics (test patch recommended)
- Rinse with water and wash on a cold cycle
- Remember, acrylics are stubborn once dry, so stains might stick around if the paint has started to set

### Cleaning tips

The best way to get rid of paint stains and clean up colours depends on the type of art surface and mediums involved. Paints are made to dry permanently on porous surfaces so your art stays in place and lasts longer – that means it's always a little harder to remove them from fabrics rather than porous surfaces like glass.

Let's dive into how we clean our different paint types so you can create comfortably at home and in the studio.



**Acrylic paints, acrylic ink, watercolours, gouache & water mixable oil paints**



### Traditional oils

- Act fast if oil paints spill on fabric
- Scrape off excess paint with a butter knife and dab the area with turpentine
- Test patch first to see how it reacts with your fabric
- Be cautious not to spread the paint further when applying
- Rinse and repeat the turpentine process until most of the colour is gone
- Apply a stain remover with a stiff-bristled brush if needed, followed by a cold wash
- Dried oils are permanent on porous surfaces



## Poster paints

- Easy to wash from skin with warm, soapy water
- Deal with any spills on fabric while the paint's wet using cool water and detergent
- Hot water can set dry paint permanently, so avoid it!



## Brushes

- Rinse brushes immediately after use while the paint is wet
- Rinse with water for water-based paints (acrylics, etc.) and turpentine for oils
- If paint starts to dry in the brush, try soaking it in dishwashing detergent before rinsing under cold water (results may vary depending on how set the paint is!)
- Avoid soaking wooden handles
- Squeeze out the water, reshape the bristles, and lay flat to air dry



## Palette knives

- Wipe clean stainless steel and plastic palette knives immediately after use
- Keep timber handles away from water



## Palettes

- Clean timber palettes with turpentine for oils and water for water-based paints
- After cleaning, apply a bit of linseed oil to keep the wood in good shape
- Only use plastic palettes for acrylics, watercolours, and gouache
- Clean with water and soap as needed



## Paint tube care

- Cleaning your paint tube threads and lids will make your paint last longer
- Wipe water-based paints from the tube, thread, and lid immediately after use while paint is wet with a damp paper towel
- Use a toothbrush and solvent to remove oil paint from the tube, thread, and lid
- If the paint lid is stuck, submerge the tube in hot water to soften before unscrewing (exercise caution and use a tea towel when handling the warm tube to protect your hands)
- Store tubes upright in a cool, dry place away from water or moisture, with the lids securely fastened
- See our storage tips in action [here](#)

Set yourself up to create by grabbing a [Mont Marte apron](#) to protect your clothes.

We've also got a range of supplies to help keep your [brushes clean and tidy](#).

If you need info about thoughtful paint disposal, check out our tips for [acrylics](#) and [oils](#).