

## STENCILING WITH PAINTSTIKS

### General paintstik information

Made from oil paint and safe to use on all fabrics, plus all porous surfaces such as wood, sheetrock, leather, paper.

Heat set fabric by letting the project dry for three days, followed by tossing in a dryer for 30 minutes or covering with press cloth and pressing (not ironing) for 30 seconds.

### Prepare the paintstiks

Paintstiks are self sealing, which means that a thin protective coating forms when it is not in use.

Remove coating by placing the end of the paintstik into several layers of folded up paper toweling, hold firmly (pinch) and twist until you see color on the towel. The coating reforms with 24 hours, thus extending the shelf life indefinitely,



Remove protective coating

### Stenciling instructions

Place the stencil on top of the fabric. When stenciling, you'll need to hold down the stencil or tape it down to prevent movement.

Load the brush by rubbing vigorously onto the paintstik tip (after removing protective coating).



Rub color into the stencil, pressing down firmly with a scrubbing motion until all the openings are covered.



Add additional colors to create beautiful blended colors.



Continue adding colors to achieve desired effect.

**TIP:** It's best to dedicate a brush to each color to prevent unwanted mixing of colors on the brush.

## Brush types and cleaning

Stencil brushes are available in a wide variety of sizes. Use small brushes for small, detailed areas and large brushes to quickly cover larger areas. Paintstik stencil brushes are thicker and shorter than standard stencil brushes, making the paint application faster than standard brushes

It's not necessary to immediately clean brushes, but don't leave them untended for weeks/months. There are many cleaning agents, such as soap and water, solvents, degreasers, and rubbing alcohol. Dip the brush into the cleaning agent and rub against a rough surface—the sink trap is handy for this purpose. Rinse, and continue until the water runs clear. Place the wet brushes on a paper towel and allow to dry overnight.

Find brushes here: <https://lauramurraydesigns.com/brushes/>

## Fabric care

Paintstik applications are dry to the touch within 24 hours and ready to use in your projects. The paint will not flake off and no fixatives are required. Heat setting is required for laundering purposes only. The passage of time (about two months) will naturally heat set the fabric. If you need to launder the project within the two month timeframe:

1. Allow paint to dry for minimum 3 days
2. Toss in a hot dryer for 30 (after paint has dried). Or, place the painted side up, cover with a paper towel or parchment paper and press (not iron) with hot, dry iron for 10 seconds.