

Fabric Spray Paint

General Instructions

- ✓ Wash and dry your fabric to remove sizing.
- ✓ Cover work area with craft/newspaper.
- ✓ Read instructions on back of Simply Spray.
- ✓ Practice spraying on a separate piece of fabric or paper before starting your project. (Get used to the feel of the trigger, apply even pressure.)

IMPORTANT: To maintain a consistent colour, always begin spraying on a paper towel and continue, using even pressure onto and away from your project.

Tips for Successful Fabric Spray Painting

Test the spray on a small piece of scrap fabric before you use it on your main project. The final colour may change slightly, especially if the fabric you are spraying is not white. It is always best to test it out on a small piece of scrap fabric to ensure you are happy with the result before continuing. If you are spraying a large object such as a sofa, we always recommend you test it out on a small, hidden section on the back.

For consistent colour, begin by spraying a paper towel, and continue using even pressure onto and off your fabric. Cover a piece of cardboard with a paper towel. Always start your spray on this paper towel. Then, move the spray, while spraying onto your project and continue spraying back onto the paper towel before letting go of the trigger. This will avoid any spatter on the project. Try and use one of the following techniques on a single project to create new, unique and interesting designs.

Pull the trigger all the way! It doesn't take a lot of force, just go for it. When you do, you get a nice even spray cone that is easy to work with. When you don't squeeze the trigger all the way, you can allow the propellant to escape without the paint or get an uneven spray.

Use several light coats rather than one heavy coat. Cover the area evenly, but not heavily. Trying to get the job done with one coat saturates the fabric, uses much more paint and does not end up looking any better. It takes less than 30 minutes to dry on most fabrics, after which time you can apply another coat.

Make sure the nozzle does not clog. If you don't use the entire can, you can keep it for next time as long as the nozzle does not become clogged. We recommend you store the can upside down with the spray nozzle in shallow water. This will prevent the paint from drying within the spray nozzle.

If a can does not spray, pull the trigger forward and spray the can upside down to clear the nozzle. If it has become clogged with dry paint, immersing it in warm water may help.

Blending Colours



One of the most unique things about Simply Spray is the ability to blend colours easily! Almost all of the colours blend well together. The only colour to be careful with is the Brite Orange. It works well with most colours, but when blended with green, blue or purple can create a brownish colour.

Some of our favorite colour combinations that blend well or work great together are:

- Brite Pink & Brite Yellow make a nice coral colour
- Blue Jay and Spring Green
- Deep Purple, Cranberry & Blue Jay
- Sky Blue, Lilac & Brite Pink
- Green Apple & Brite Yellow
- Brite Orange, Poppy Red & Brite Yellow
- Poppy Red & Blue Jay
- Spring Green & Green Apple
- Any colour with black! Blending with black gives depth to any project. If you are making a tie dye and want to add depth, start with a twist and a spray of black. Black deepens other colours and makes a great tie-dye when you combine Deep Purple & Blue Jay with Black.



Frequently Asked Questions

Will Simply Spray work on my fabric?

Simply Spray Fabric Paint can be used on most absorbent fabrics such as cotton or linen. Simply Spray works best on light-coloured fabric.

Please be sure to test your fabric before attempting to complete a project. Make sure your material absorbs the paint before beginning. If you are unsure, the best test is to spray your fabric with water and see how the water reacts. If the water absorbs into the fabric then the paint should as well. If the water sits on top of the fabric, or beads, then the paint will do the same. You can try to rub the paint into the fabric, but it might take a few coats to get the right colour.

Practice spraying before spraying directly onto your project. These paints are permanent.

What is the difference between Simply Spray and Stencil Spray?

Below are a few of the major differences between the two products:

- Simply Spray is soft when dry. Stencil Spray feels like silkscreen when it's dry.
- Simply Spray can only be used on light coloured fabrics. Stencil Spray can be used on almost any fabric.
- Simply Spray absorbs into the fabric and when dry will be as hard wearing as the fabric itself. Stencil Spray does not absorb into the fabric, and so is less hard wearing.
- Stencil Spray is a thicker paint that should only be used for stencilling. It does not spray in a fine mist, it sprays thickly.

Can you use stencils with Simply Spray or just Stencil Spray?

Yes, you can stencil with Simply Spray. It requires a little more skill than stencilling with Stencil Spray does. The Stencil Spray paint is thicker and it sticks to the stencil giving you nice crisp edges! To stencil with Simply Spray you should pat the top of the stencil off with a paper towel after spraying to avoid excess paint dripping. Please see our stencilling guide for more details.

How long will it take to dry?

On average it will take about 30mins for your project to dry. Depending on how much paint you used it could be longer or even shorter!

Will Simply Spray work on Furniture, like my sofa?

Depending on the fabric, Simply Spray will work on upholstery. It is always best to test it on a small piece of scrap fabric before proceeding. Simply Spray works best on light coloured fabric but will not cover dark fabric. You will need to apply a few coats of paint to fully cover your upholstery. The number of cans varies depending on the size of the piece of furniture.

**Will Simply Spray work on leather?**

Yes you can use Simply Spray on leather. It works more like a stain than a paint, so you may need to apply more than one coat. We do not recommend using a stencil on leather, as it will run.

Will Simply Spray work on silk or polyester?

Simply Spray will work on silk, but it will not have the same effect as it will on cotton. Simply Spray will run on silk or polyester, leaving a more tie-dyed look. So, yes, it will work, but won't be as controllable as it is on cotton.

Will Simply Spray work on wood?

Both Simply Spray and Stencil Spray will work on wood. Simply Spray will absorb into and stain wood. Apply a few coats for darker coverage. Stencil Spray will not absorb into the wood, which will allow you to stencil your favourite design on the surface.

**Is it safe for children?**

Yes, Simply Spray and Stencil Spray are both non-toxic and non-flammable! They are aerosols, but neither contains any harsh ingredients or gases! Its secret formula is safe and conforms to ASTM-D 4236. Whilst they are non-toxic, they are still aerosols, so we recommend that you do not allow any young children to use these sprays without adult supervision.

Is Simply Spray flammable?

No. Unlike many aerosols, which use flammable gases such as propane as a propellant, Simply Spray and Stencil Spray use nitrogen as a propellant, which is harmless.

Will the colour fade or wash out after I wash it?

We recommend that you wash your garment inside out to minimize fading. Also, do not use fabric softener in the washing machine, it will make the paint fade. The first time you wash your garment you will notice a slight fade in colour, but the colour will remain vibrant even after repeated washes! You should though wait 72 hours after spraying before washing.

My can will not spray again, what should I do?

DON'T PANIC! You might have pulled the trigger back to hard. If the trigger is pulled back too hard, it can "stick". Simply put your index finger behind the blue trigger and push it forward. A "pop" or "click" should happen. If you push on the trigger a few times, it should start spraying again.

If you leave your can with the trigger out of position, the gas will seep out, rendering the can unusable. Think of the paint as a can of squirty cream... if you only pull lightly on the nozzle - the gas will seep out.

Sometimes paint might build up in the nozzle after it is used. We suggest that you pick off any excess paint from the nozzle opening and then flip the can upside down and spray to clear the passage. The force of the spray should clear the way! We also suggest storing your used paints upside-down in water if you will not be using them right away.

Do I have to heat set my project?

No! One of the greatest things about Simply Spray is that it sets itself. You do not need to iron or put it in the dryer, just wait 72 hours before washing!

Can I wash my painted shirt with other garments, or will it run?

The first time you wash your shirt you should wash it separately. After that, washing it with like or darker colours should be fine.

Can I iron?

You can iron directly over Simply Spray, but not Stencil Spray. Stencil Spray should be treated like silkscreen and care should be taken to avoid ironing it. Ironing directly over the paint could distort the appearance.

How many T-shirts can one can make?

The answer depends on how much you need for your particular design. When making tie-dye shirts, each can should make about 4 adult large shirts, front & back. It's hard to picture, but one can of Simply Spray should cover about 30 sq feet and a can of Stencil Spray about 12 sq feet.

Which colours work best together?

See our Colour Blending page to learn what colours to use together.

Do any of the Simply Spray colours work with blacklight (UV light)?

Yes, the Brite Pink will react to blacklight.

Does using Simply Spray damage the ozone layer?

No, absolutely not. They do not contain any CFC's or indeed any chemicals which are known to damage ozone.

Tips for Successful Stencilling

- ✓ When you are using Simply Spray with a stencil you can create beautiful blended colours. We suggest lightly spray gluing the back of your stencil before applying to the fabric.
- ✓ You can buy stencils from a variety of craft outlets. Alternatively, you can make stencils yourself from lightweight cardboard. All it takes is a craft knife and a pencil.
- ✓ Cover the edges of the stencil with something absorbent like scrap fabric or paper towels to avoid spraying paint on them. Larger stencils are the easiest to use.
- ✓ To achieve crisp edges with Simply Spray, lightly spray the stencil with Stencil Spray Gold Glimmer or Silver Glimmer. This will give a nice shiny base for you to work with. You could always stop here and have just silver or gold for your image.
- ✓ While the paint is still wet, lightly spray other Simply Spray colours over it in a pattern. Use colours that work well together and spray in stripes or circles around the inside of the stencil.
- ✓ Always spray light coats of paint to avoid dripping.
- ✓ Being careful not to touch the inside of the stencil, remove the excess paint from the edges with an absorbent paper towel or a scrap piece of cloth. A good tip is to have a hair dryer handy so you can dry each layer of paint as you blend colours.
- ✓ When you finally lift your stencil you will be amazed at the image you were able to create!