

# Acrylic Pour Aftercare Instructions

## How to care for your Masterpiece!

- ❖ Wait at least two-three weeks before sealing your painting (depending on humidity of where it was stored). Acrylic paint dries from the outside in, so it may feel dry to the touch, but it isn't all the way cured. If you seal it too early, it could crack or streak. The sealer may also reactivate some of the paint and cause colors to move or smear.
- ❖ Once cured, you can seal it with the sponge stick and varnish provided in the kit.
- ❖ First, dust your art piece with a soft cloth to remove anything collected on the surface as it's been curing.
- ❖ Stir the varnish a bit or turn the cup over and over – don't shake it as it will generate too many bubbles.
- ❖ Let the varnish cup sit (covered) for a full minute to let any remaining bubbles dissipate.
- ❖ Dip the foam brush provided into the varnish and begin to spread it evenly across the canvas spreading it evenly across in overlapping rows horizontally from top to bottom.
- ❖ Spread some of the varnish on the sides, especially if you care about the visual appearance of the sides of the painting.
- ❖ It will look a bit milky, but that's ok as it will dry perfectly clear.
- ❖ Once the sealer covers the canvas, gently try to pop any leftover bubbles, specifically the big ones, with the end of the sponge stick or a toothpick if you have one.
- ❖ Let it dry for 30 minutes, then come back and varnish the canvas the same way vertically in overlapping rows.
- ❖ When finished, let the piece dry for 48 hours (covered in the bin you were provided).
- ❖ Hang that baby up and enjoy your work! Beautiful!



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