


# **Project Backboard**

## **Court Renovation Guide**



Project Backboard's mission is to ensure that all communities have access to a safe and inviting place to play outdoor basketball.

We collaborate with local artists and install large scale works of site specific art across newly renovated public outdoor basketball courts.

The installation of unique works of “museum quality” art on the surface of public basketball courts inspires creative thinking and brings new and more diverse park users into public space, which encourages further local investment and programming.

Evidence suggests that Project Backboard's court renovations result in busier, safer and cleaner parks that are more inviting places to play for young women and families.

**The purpose of this court renovation guide is to provide a step by step look at Project Backboard's court renovation process.**



# Pre- Renovation



# 1. Get permission from your local parks department

- Call, email or visit parks' officials.
- Connect with local politicians or other parks organizations.



## 2.

### **Ask local contractor to assess court condition**

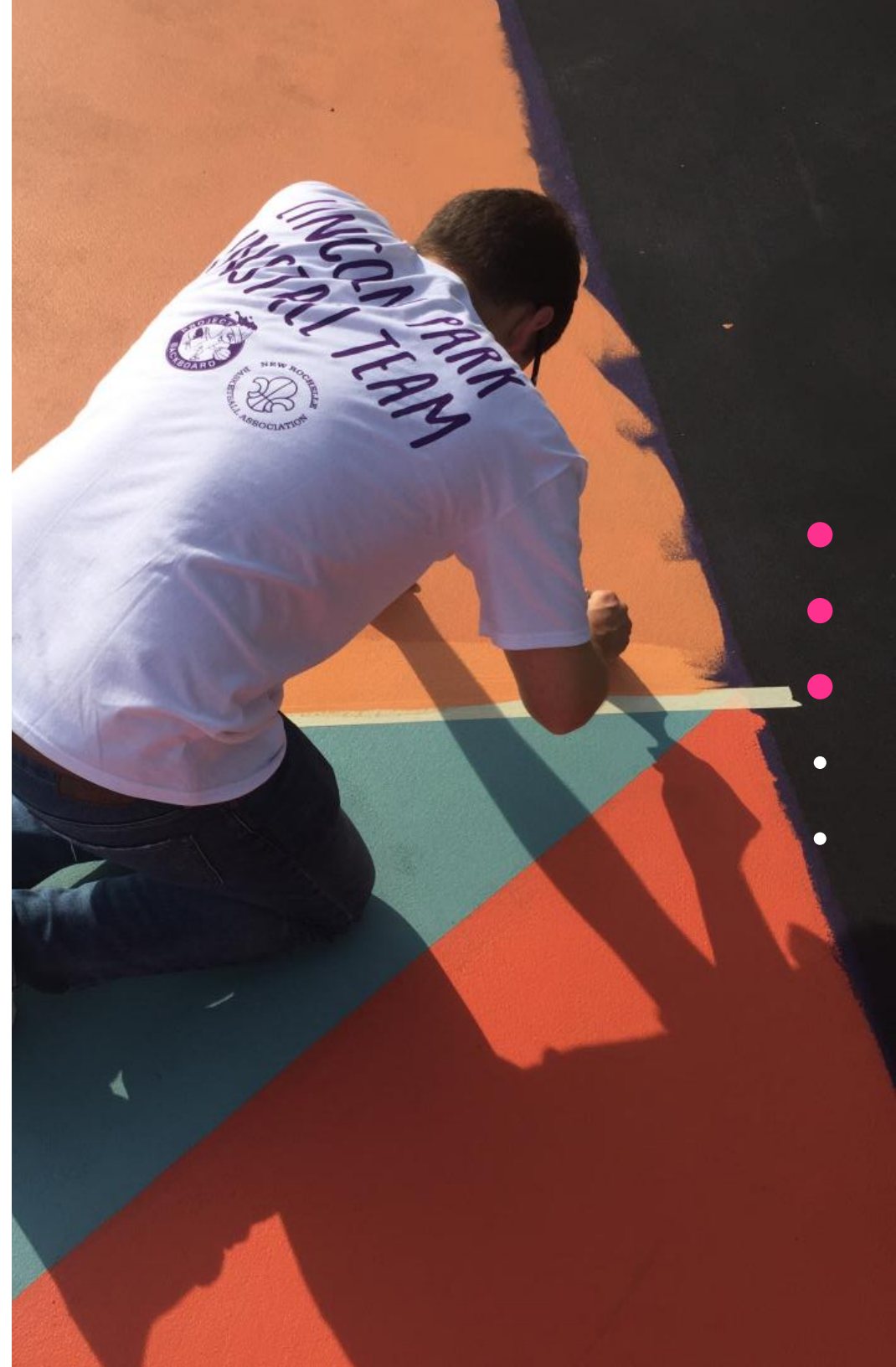
- Local contractor can provide quote for crack fill, patch repairs, acrylic resurfacing and color coating.
- If you can not find a basketball court construction company in your area, try searching for tennis court construction companies.





### 3. Reach out to local artist for court design

- Parks department may have an existing process for approving artwork in public spaces.
- Artist should engage specifically with local community to get a deeper sense of community values and culture.
- See “Court Artist Information” guide for details.



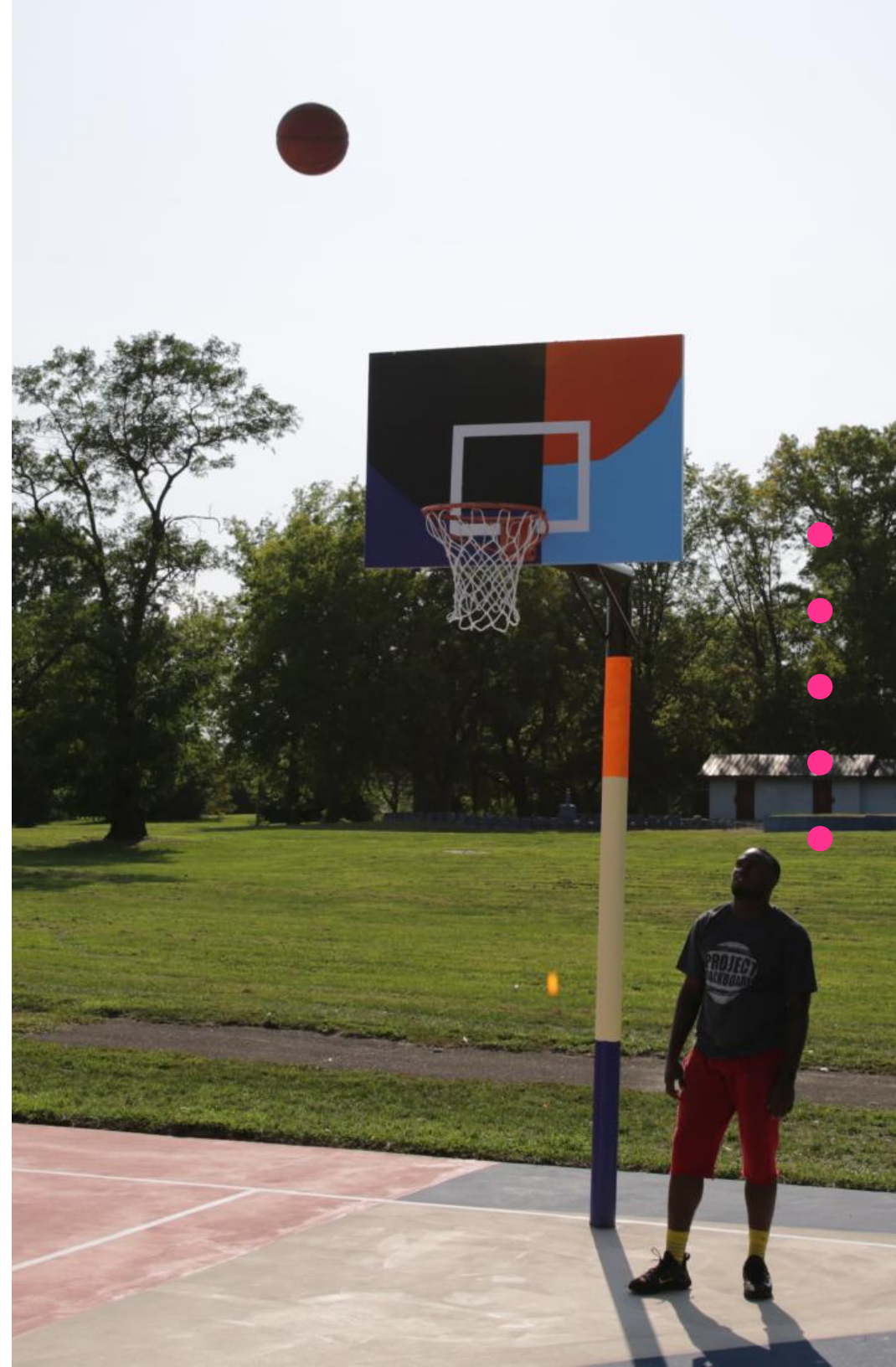
#### 4. Create overall project budget including:

- Contractor costs.
- Artist comission.
- Installation and material costs for final artwork.
- Any other additions (new backboards/rims, trash receptacles etc).



## 5. Develop funds for project

- Create a contact list of local (or regional) companies or non-profits already funding public park or public art projects.
- Consider crowd funding or basketball tournament to raise funds.





# The Renovation

A close-up photograph of a paintbrush applying a thick, vibrant pink paint to a wall. The brush is positioned on the right side of the frame, with a visible streak of paint extending horizontally across the center. The background is a textured, light pink surface. In the bottom left corner, there is a small, dark green area with yellow speckles, possibly representing grass or a different material. The text 'The Renovation' is overlaid in a large, white, sans-serif font on the left side of the image.



**1.  
Contractor to perform  
the following work**

- Repair cracks and patch fill uneven/sunken areas.
- Apply acrylic resurfacer.





## 2.

### **Artist/artwork install team to draw artwork on court surface using chalk, crayon or pencil**

- We typically use either a grid approach: Snap 6'x6' grid over court surface using a construction chalk line, and apply grid to artist mock-up, draw box by box.

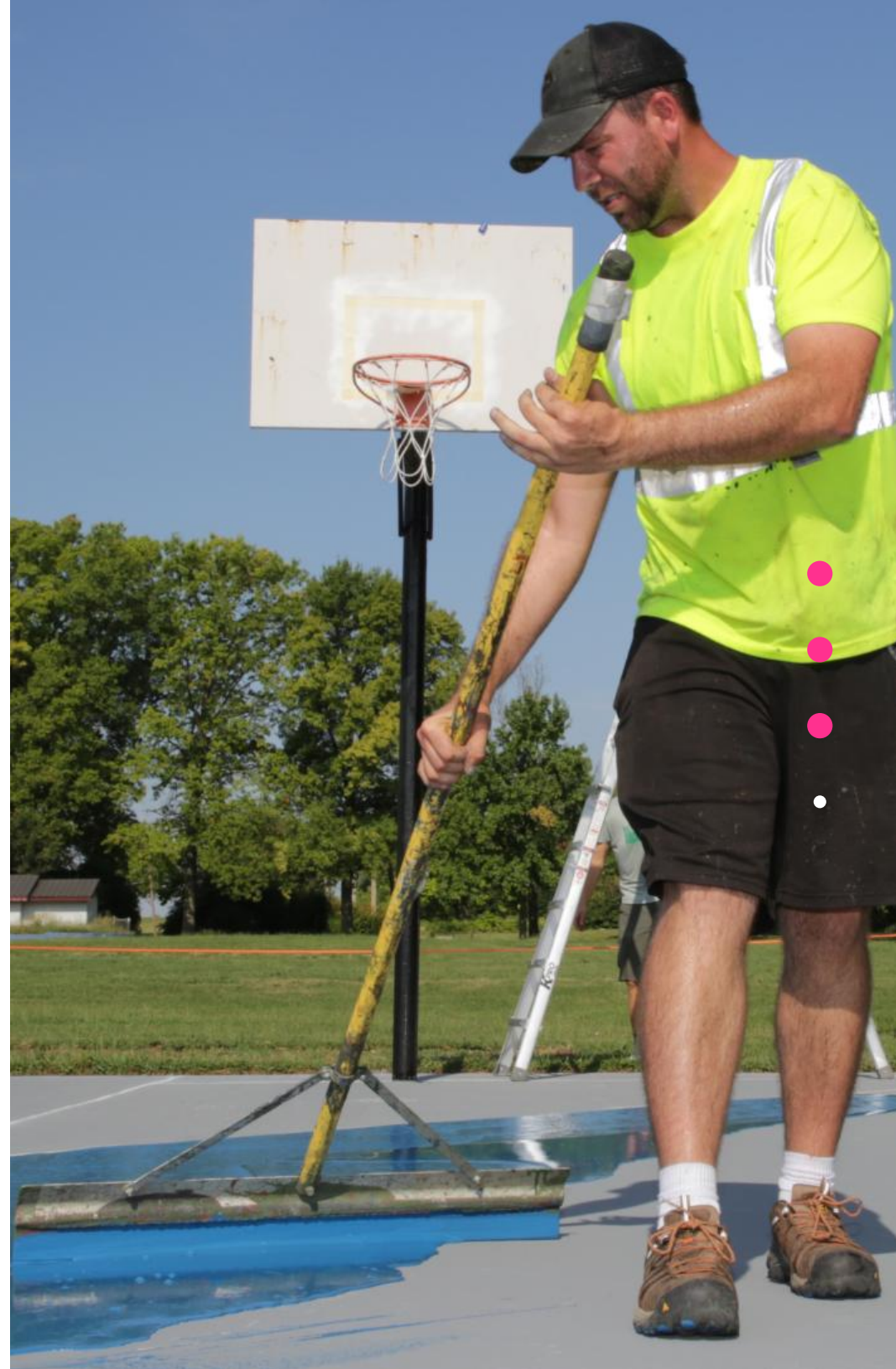
Other approaches:

- Straight lines can be drawn with chalk line.
- Circles can be drawn by holding a string in one place and walking around center point.
- Large stencils can be cut from cardboard for repeating shapes.



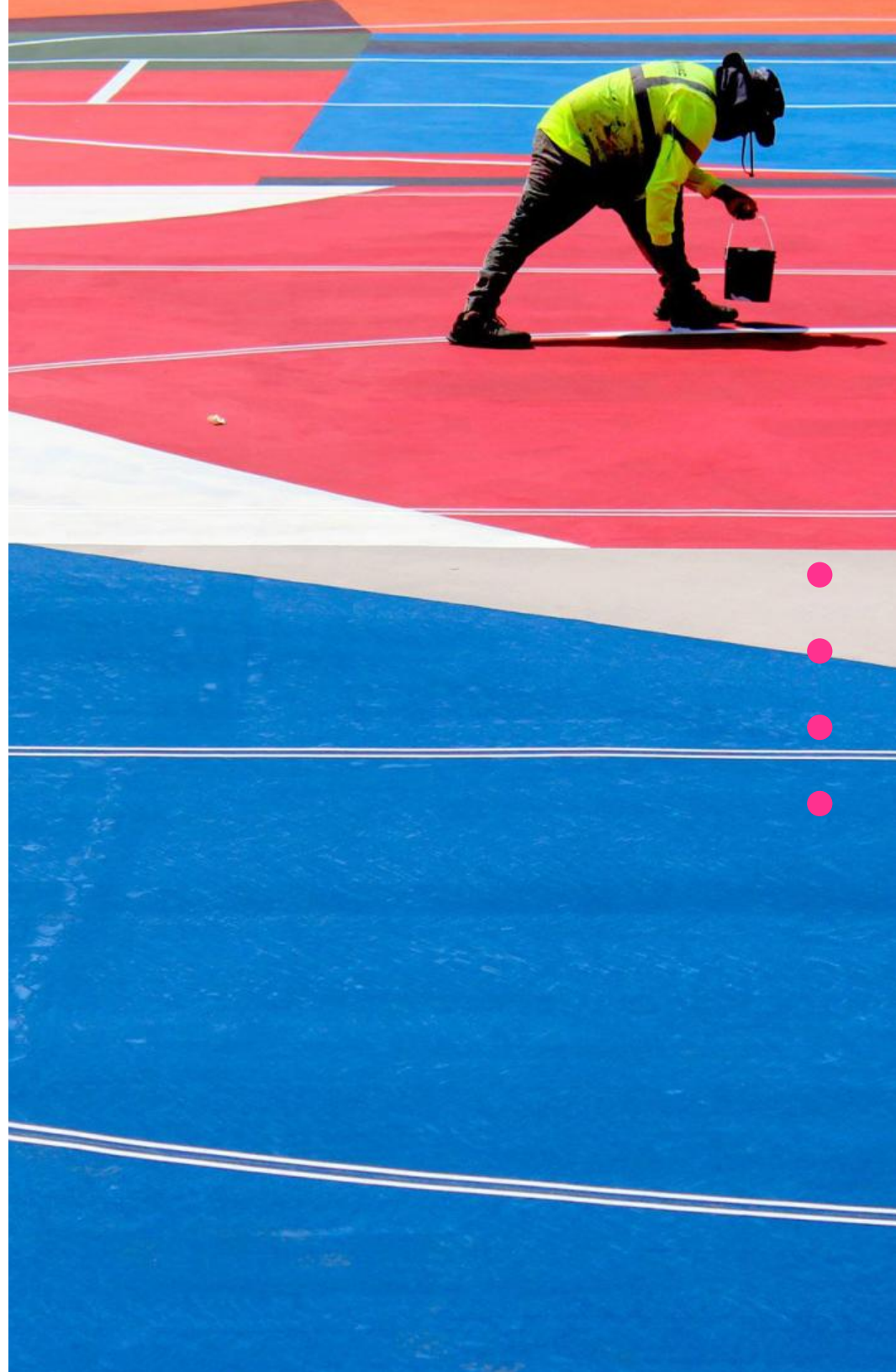
**3.  
Apply sports specific color  
coating (use same brand  
as acrylic resurfacer)  
to create artwork with  
artwork install team**

- Can be applied using squeegees, roofing brushes or rollers.
- Contractor can help cover large sections quickly.





**4.  
Contractor applies game  
lines to finished surface**







# Post-Renovation Celebrate!









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