

Cautions

Some individuals may have an allergic reaction to even the most pure and non-toxic colours. If the client shows any type of allergic reaction during the painting procedure (e.g. paleness, shortness of breath, difficulty in breathing, undue swelling, puffiness around the eyes) the painting session should be discontinued and emergency medical attention should be obtained.



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Face and Body Painting Guidelines



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Paint & Supplies

1. Paints, crayons, inks, glitters and other cosmetic preparations must be safe and specifically designed for use on human skin. “Non-toxic” on the labels does not necessarily mean that it is safe to put on the skin. Some people are allergic to the non-FDA approved chemicals and colorants used in craft paints and other stationary products.
2. The bulk supplies should be stored and handled in a sanitary manner to avoid contamination.



Cleaning & Disinfection of Brushes, Pens and Other Tools

1. Single-use disposable colour applicators (e.g. cotton swabs and sponges) are strongly recommended.
2. If reusable paint brushes are used, they should be cleaned first and then soaked in 70% isopropyl alcohol for two minutes after each use. The water used for cleaning the brushes should be changed for every client.
3. The tips of the face painting pens and markers should be wiped with a 70% isopropyl alcohol swab after each use.
4. The eye and lip pencils should be resharpened after each use.
5. Reusable stencils should be made of non-porous and cleanable materials which can be wiped with 70% isopropyl alcohol after each use.
6. Disposable paper towels should be used.

Artist & Client Hygiene

1. The artist should wash his or her hands prior to each face or body painting session.
2. Disposable hand wipes and hand sanitizer can be used as an alternative to handwashing between clients.
3. Face or body painting should only be done on clean, healthy and unbroken skin. Painting faces with acne should be avoided.
4. Careful attention should be paid when painting the areas near the eyes, especially on very young children and those unable to keep still.
5. If hair control is needed, single-use elastic should be used.

