



## **Fabric Creations Plush 3D Fabric Paint Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is Fabric Creations Plush?**

Fabric Creations Plush 3D Fabric Paints are water-based and non-toxic paints formulated to add dimension and texture to designs applied on fabric—ideal for techniques such as hand painting, stenciling, sponging, and color-blocking. Once dry and heat-set, the paint is permanent and does not dry stiff, and fabrics decorated with Fabric Creations Plush can be washed either by hand or in the gentle cycle.

### **Can I mix Fabric Creations Plush paints to achieve a new color or value?**

Yes, you can mix Fabric Creations Plush paints to create a new value of the same color or a completely different color.

### **What types of fabrics can be decorated using Fabric Creations Plush paints?**

For best results, use soft, low-textured fabrics such as cottons, poly cotton blends, woven blends, denims, and home décor textiles when decorating with Fabric Creations Plush. Fabrics should be flexible and have some pliancy to achieve the full plush effect; stiff fabrics such as canvas are not recommended as the dimensional effect of the paint will not work.

### **Should I prewash the fabric to remove sizing before painting using Fabric Creations Plush?**

Yes, prior to being decorated with Fabric Creations Plush, all fabrics should be prewashed using soap and water following the manufacturer's washing instructions. Most denim fabrics should be washed multiple times in hot water to remove thoroughly the sizing in the fabric. DO NOT use liquid fabric softener or dryer sheet as doing so may prevent the paints from adhering to your fabric properly. If your garment is wrinkled, you may iron the fabric as instructed on the garment label; however, DO NOT use spray starch as that, too, may prevent the paint from adhering to your fabric properly.

### **When decorating fabric with Fabric Creations Plush, should I use a protective layer beneath the fabric?**

Yes, when decorating with Fabric Creations Plush, you should place a protective layer beneath the fabric. Wax paper or even a piece of cardboard wrapped in plastic wrap can be used as a protective layer under the top layer of fabric. Not only will this protect the work surface as well as the under layers of fabric in the event a heavy amount of paint is applied, but it will also provide a firm surface upon which to paint. You may also find it helpful to tape a piece of fine grade sandpaper to the cardboard form to keep the fabric from shifting while painting.

### **Should I use water to thin the Fabric Creations Plush?**

No, do not use water to thin Fabric Creations Plush paints; they are formulated to be used directly from the bottle. Thinning these paints with water will prevent them from properly adhering to your fabric surface and potentially prevent the plush effect from working.

### **What are the best applicator tools to use when working with Fabric Creations Plush paints?**

Fabric Creations Plush is best applied to a fabric surface using either dense foam applicators such as foam brushes, spouncers, or foam cubes. Taklon bristle brushes also work.

### **What is the best application technique to use when painting with Fabric Creations Plush?**

To ensure that Fabric Creations Plush will achieve the best raised dimensional effect, the paint should be applied to the fabric allowing a layer of paint to rest on the surface.

### **How long does it take for the Fabric Creations Plush to dry and cure?**

Generally, Fabric Creations Plush paints dry within two hours; however, it can take up to 24 hours, depending upon the thickness of application as well as the humidity of your work area. The decorated fabric surface will be cured in 72 hours.

### **Can I apply Fabric Creations Plush through a stencil?**

Yes, Fabric Creations Plush can be painted through a stencil using a dense foam applicator such as a spouncer, or it can be brushed on. The key objective is to apply the paint evenly to create an evenly raised effect when heated.

### **Is it necessary to heat set a fabric project when using Fabric Creations Plush?**

Yes, heat-setting fabrics painted with Fabric Creations Plush is necessary to activate the dimensional, plush effect. To heat-set your project and activate the plush effect, follow the instructions below:

1. Allow the decorated fabric to dry overnight.
2. Heat an iron to the highest setting allowed for the decorated fabric.
3. Lay a dry pressing cloth over your ironing board and position project fabric decorated-side down.
4. Using steam, lightly press the backside of the decorated fabric to activate the dimensional effect of the paint.
  - a. Note: If the decorated surface is too difficult to reach when heat-setting from the backside, you can heat-set from the front by holding the heated iron slightly above—not touching—the painted fabric surface and applying steam.

### **How should I clean my supplies when working with Fabric Creations Plush?**

To clean your supplies after using Fabric Creations Plush, use mild soap and water immediately after use.

### **How should I launder fabrics decorated with Fabric Creations Plush?**

Once heat-set, a project painted with Fabric Creations Plush paints can be machine-laundered on the gentle cycle; however, to preserve the life and durability of your decorated fabric, it is always best to hand-wash in cold water and allow to air-dry.