



Paint by Number Frequently Asked Questions

What is Paint by Number?

Dating back to the 1950's, Paint by Number is known as a style of art performed by filling in pre-numbered areas on a canvas or canvas panel with specific matching colors of paint. This popular art form is trending and Plaid has now brought these designs to market in kit form.

What is included in a Paint by Number kit?

Each Paint by Number kit is all inclusive! Included in each kit you will find a printed, pre-numbered canvas panel, all the paint necessary to complete the design, a paint brush, very easy-to-follow instructions, and a numbered chart of the design.

What size artwork is available in the Paint by Number kits?

The proven most popular size of Paint by Number artwork is 16" x 20" and designs are available in either horizontal or vertical formats.

How many paint colors are included in each kit?

Our everyday line of Paint by Number kits includes 24 paint pots. Our licensed kits, which feature Saturday Evening Post, Smithsonian, and Thomas Kinkade, include 32 paint pots to achieve the authenticity and details of the painting.

What additional supplies are needed?

Because all Paint by Number kits are all inclusive, the only extra supplies you will need are paper towels and water to clean your paintbrush!

I am not an artist, do I need to know how to blend colors or mix colors to complete a Paint by Number?

Absolutely not! Plaid's Paint by Number artwork is designed so that every color or every value of color is provided for you. No blending or mixing of colors is required. As an example when painting a sky, light to dark values of blue will be provided based on the artwork.

Will I need to paint multiple layers to achieve good coverage?

Most colors will cover opaquely in one coat, however, some light colors may need two coats to achieve an opaque coverage.

How long does it take to complete a Paint by Number?



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The length of time it takes to complete a Paint by Number kit will vary depending on the size of the artwork, and the hours or time applied to working on it. Paint by Number is a relaxing art form which can be completed quickly over a couple days or enjoyed a little at a time over a series of weeks/months. It is totally up to each individual.

How long does it take for a Paint by Number to dry?

Because the paint is waterbase acrylic paint, it will dry to the touch within 10 – 15 minutes depending on the thickness of paint application.

Should I clean my brush when I am switching colors?

Yes, it is advisable to clean your paintbrush when changing colors as well as after each painting session.

How shall I clean my Paint by Number paintbrush?

Rinse the paint filled brush well in a brush basin or container of water. If needed, you can add a touch of mild soap to thoroughly clean paint from the bristles. Reshape the brush and allow to dry between uses. NEVER let a brush sit in a container of water or rest on its bristles.

When will my completed Paint by Number be cured?

After completely painting a Paint by Number project, the paint will be cured in two weeks.

Should I seal my completed Paint by Number project?

It is not necessary, however, for added protection against dust or dirt, you may wish to apply a light coat or two of clear acrylic sealer such as Patricia Nimocks sealers which are available in matte, satin, or gloss finishes.

What should I do with my completed Paint by Number artwork?

A completed Paint by Number project is a work of art and will be enjoyed for years to come. Remembering the hours of relaxing pleasure is only one way to enjoy your artwork. Placing it in a frame for display is another! When framing, it is not necessary to frame with glass, however, when framing with glass be sure to use a mat so that the artwork is not directly touching the glass.

If I need additional assistance, what can I do?



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On the back of your Paint by Number package, you will find Plaid's website: plaidonline.com along with and online help number.

For more information: 800-842-4197

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