



Washing Instructions

These helpful hints apply to any art materials stains (markers, paints, crayons, clays, glues, etc).

Stains on Clothing:

Any art materials, including washable paints and markers, have the potential for staining any types of fabrics. As the situation arises in an art activity, the types of materials vary, but these methods work on most fabrics:

1. The best method is to rinse the fabric in lukewarm water while the stain is still wet.
2. If that does not work, try adding some laundry detergent, or dish washing liquid or regular bar soap to the stain area and rubbing the fabric while wet.
3. If the above methods do not work, try stain removers meant for fabric such as Tide® Stick or Shout®. But first try the stain remover in an inconspicuous spot to make sure it does not discolor the fabric.
4. The more a stain dries, the harder it is to get out of fabric. But since most art materials have water as one ingredient, they have better results getting out a stain after soaking the fabric for a while before rubbing.
5. Exposure to heat (dryer or iron) or even really hot water sets the stain and makes it even more difficult to get out.

Stains on non-porous surfaces (tables, floors):

1. Again, the stain is always easier to get out while wet. First try just lukewarm water. If that does not work, try a mild soap, such as dish washing liquid.
2. Next try a spot remover like CLR® or a carpet stain remover. But first test the cleaner in an inconspicuous spot to make sure it does not discolor the surface.

Stains on Skin:

1. One of the most useful tips for preventing stains on hands is to use hand lotion before beginning any art project. This prevents the skin from absorbing the pigment in the art material.
2. Having a scrub brush handy in the sink cleanup area helps to get stain out of hands and fingernails. Use soap and warm water on skin.