



Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Inks Frequently Asked Questions

What are Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Inks?

Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Inks are water-based and non-toxic fabric inks perfect for hand painting, stenciling, sponging, stamping, and color-blocking on fabrics. The soft-body consistency is perfect for brushwork and easy to use on a wide variety of fabrics. Once dry and heat-set, fabrics decorated with Fabric Creations inks can be washed either by hand or in the gentle cycle.

Can I mix Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Inks to achieve a new color?

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

What types of fabrics can be decorated using Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Inks?

For best results, use smooth or low-textured fabrics such as cottons, poly-cotton blends, woven blends, denims, and home décor textiles when decorating with Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Inks. Textured or ribbed fabrics can also be used; however, a portion of the decorated design may be lost within the ribs or over the texture of the fabric surface.

Should I prewash the fabric to remove sizing before painting using Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Inks?

Yes, 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 inks 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 ink from adhering to your fabric properly.

When decorating fabric with Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Inks, should I use a protective layer beneath the fabric?

Yes, when decorating with Fabric Creations, 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 ink 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.

Can I use water to thin the Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Ink?

No, do not use water to thin Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Inks; they are formulated to be used directly from the bottle. Thinning these inks with water will prevent them from properly adhering to your fabric surface.

What is the best application technique to use when painting with Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Inks?

To ensure that the fabric fibers are fully coated with Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Inks, it is best to apply enough brush pressure working the Fabric Inks into the fabric. This will also increase the adhesion properties of the Fabric Inks to the surface.

How long does it take for the Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Ink to dry and cure?

Generally, Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Inks 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.

Is it necessary to heat-set a fabric project when using Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Ink?

Yes, heat-setting is recommended to maximize the durability of your fabric decorated with Fabric Creations. To heat-set your project, 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. Keeping the heated iron dry, position the project fabric decorated-side up and then lay a pressing cloth over the fabric.
4. Without using steam, press the decorated fabric area for 30 seconds, lift the iron and move to another section.
5. Continue until the entire design area has been heat set.

How should I clean my supplies after using Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Inks?

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

How should I launder fabrics decorated with Fabric Creations Soft Fabric?

Once heat-set, a project painted with Fabric Creations Soft Fabric Inks 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.