# **REUSABLE STENCILS - GENERAL PAINT AND PREP INSTRUCTION**



# RECOMMENDED PAINT: FIT AND FUN PLAYSCAPES® RECOMMENDS PURCHASING PAINT SUPPLIES FOUND at www.fitandfunplayscapes.com

### **GENERAL PAINT REQUIREMENTS & INSTRUCTIONS:**

These general instructions are provided for paint other than paint purchased from Fit and Fun Playscapes<sup>®</sup>. All paint instructions on manufacturer cans and/ or specifications that you purchased should be followed.

- The weather is an extremely important factor when painting outside and must be considered before painting begins. Paint should occur according to manufacturer instructions located on cans.
- Paint must be compatible with pavement or surface used.
- Painted activities should be allowed to cure before usage following all manufacturer recommendations on the paint can labels.

## **LIQUID PAINT NOTES**

- For liquid paint, it is important to apply paint in thin coats rather than thick to prevent paint from curing improperly, smudging and clogging up intricate patterns in the stencils. Thick layers of paint could result in poor adhesive between paint and pavement.
- Liquid paint will collect on the surface and at edges of stencils therefore the stencils should be cleaned immediately and according to manufactures instructions. Any solvent or cleaner should be tested on a small portion of the stencil before use.
- Avoid over-painting on surfaces of stencil. Each stencil should be wiped before paint dries and wiped free of large areas of paint and debris on the surfaces.
- For painting intricate patterns, words and small openings in the **REUSABLE STENCILS** using liquid paint, use short, dabbing motions with thin coats of paint rather than sweeping strokes.

#### **SPRAY PAINT NOTES**

- Spray paints require a thorough understanding of the health, safety and compatibility requirements between the paint and Reusable Stencils. Some spray paints have solvents or other chemicals that can degrade the stencil material. Testing with a sample is recommended.
- Spray paints should only be used outdoors and all health and safety measures should be followed due to the aerosol and vapors.
- Preventing overspray will be required when using spray paint. This is typically done using newspaper to cover exposed areas of pavement not meant to be painted.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES**: Please read the <u>Application Instructions</u> available for download from our website (https://go.fitandfunplayscapes.com/application-instructions)

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**PAVEMENT REQUIREMENTS for USING REUSABLE STENCILS and PAINT:** For best results, it is recommended that the location of the REUSABLE STENCILS and resulting painted activity be located in an area that meets the following criteria:

- The pavement should be relatively flat and remain dry shortly after rainfall, not subject to ponding or flooding of rainwater or melted snow, and is generally well drained.
- The pavement should be free of substantial cracking; cracking can enable the pavement to crumble or be unstable in any way.
- The pavement should not be subject to significant mulch, stone, or pebble collection on the area to be painted. This will cause the painted activities to wear quicker as any collection will create an abrasive condition.
- The pavement should have no vehicular traffic occurring on the surface.

#### **PAVEMENT PREPARATION & CLEANING:**

All pavement surfaces must be cleaned prior to applying paint to ensure there is no surface contamination including dust, dirt, or grit of any kind. Follow all manufacturer instructions on can of paint for preparation and cleaning of pavement.

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