

# MIRACLE BLEND - Premium Air Dry Paints



## TIPS FOR USING MIRACLE BLEND (MB) PRODUCTS

### Most important step when using air dry paint!

You must spend a little more time preparing your kit unlike heat set paint due to oils and greases which remain on the kit after moulding.

Heat set paint is essentially oil paint and will stick to oils where water based paint will not stick to oil and you will find beading occurs.

Ensure all oils are removed from the vinyl before using air dry paint or the paint will stick to the oil and not the vinyl causing the paint to rub away.

Use alcohol rubbing or isopropyl alcohol spray, this will cut grease and remove oils. Please see our prepping instruction.

<http://miracleblend.blogspot.com.au/p/lets-prepare-your-vinyl-kit.html>

Primer was designed to help seal any remaining oils that may be accidentally left behind. If you choose to use primer or matte sealer as a precautionary measure after cleaning, remember to wash away any alcohol rubbing etc as it will react with the primer and matte sealer making it sticky.

### Must I use primer with Miracle Blend paint?

No, our paint has been designed to stick directly onto vinyl unlike other air dry paints on the market without dealing with beading.

Miracle Blend primer was designed to help seal any oils that remain on the kit for artists who have issues removing all oils.

If you use alcohol rubbing or isopropyl alcohol spray to thoroughly clean your kit you will have no need to use primer but may choose to use it as a precautionary measure.

### Can I water down my Matte sealer and Primer?

Yes, you can choose to water down both products.

Remember that full strength will guarantee best protection especially when tackling any oils that you have missed in the cleaning process and when sealing your work.

### Can I substitute Matte Sealer for Primer?

Yes you may choose to use Matte sealer instead of Primer.

### Is Miracle Blend paint as durable as Heat set?

Miracle Blend paint is of the highest quality you will find in artists acrylic paint on the craft market. It is not only heavily pigmented, but it

has been created to act and paint on like heat set paint.

Miracle blend paint is as durable as heat set paint. Your reborn doll can be treated and cared for just the same as a heat set painted reborn doll.

Miracle Blend paint will not fade over time and our matte sealer will not yellow over time unlike heat set matte varnish.

Miracle Blend paint is very difficult to remove once cured, you may find it is hard to remove even after several minutes.

Curing time is 72 hours for all acrylic paint but you can heat set Miracle Blend paint including Skin Booster and Matte Sealer if you do not wish to wait the 72 hours. Using an oven at 260F to 265F for approximately 8-10 minutes.



### Heat set and air dry combination do's and don'ts

Oil based paints and Water based paints will not mix or stick to one another. You must always seal your paint with a matte sealer before continuing with a different based paint.

You can bake Miracle Blend air dry paint without any issues, fading etc.

Always seal your heat set paint with Miracle Blend air dry Matte sealer before changing to air dry paint. Some have had positive and negative results using heat set matte sealer instead of Miracle Blend matte sealer.

Miracle Blend Matte sealer, detailing glaze and dry skin can be used over heat set paint as a final sealant.

Miracle Blend refillable Detailing Pens work best with air dry paint, our paint is heavily pigmented and our air dry paint will work better than any other brand of paint on the market.

Yes you can use the detailing pens filled with Miracle Blend paint for painting hair or creases etc as long as you seal your heat set paint with Miracle Blend matte sealer.

Skin booster can be applied only after Miracle Blend matte sealer. It is not suggested to add skin boost directly over genesis as it may not set. If

wishing to use Skin booster over heat set painted dolls always use Miracle Blend matte sealer first as a base and then you may use any of our air dry products.

### Detailing pen tips

You may leave your paint mix in your detailing pen for future use. Remember to store them correctly with brush end upright (vertical or on a slight slant) Pull them apart to clean if needed.

Shake pens every so often if not being used regularly as paint can settle in barrels and water can evaporate.

**If your pen is not flowing effortlessly here are some possible reasons.**

It may have been left with paint inside for too long and paint has dried blocking flow. You may need to clean your pen by pulling it apart carefully. Remember to soak the internal detailing pen sponge in your paint mixture to encourage flow. Or wait for the sponge to dry before putting the pen back together. If the sponge is not dry and is logged with water when you put it back together, paint will struggle to flow onto the sponge.

The paint mixture may have too much paint to water ratio. Remember that these pens need a watery consistency for the paint to flow. Please refer to ratio below. You may add a little more paint or water as desired.

### Water to paint Ratio

Optimum Detailing pen ratio 1:5 paint water

### Paint Mixing Ratio's

Never exceed more water than 1:40 parts water with paint mix's. This will help avoid beading issues. Please look below at beading if you find it is still occurring.

### Wash Ratio (Suggestion)

1:20 parts water or 1:40 parts water for stronger colours such as Viridian Green, Dioxazine Purple, Aquamarine Blue and Reds.

### Mottle Ratio (Suggestion)

1:10 parts water or 1:5 parts water for a heavier mottle. For darker colour mixes please read below note.

Always use a dry wedge to blend mottle and lighten, especially when trying a heavier mottle mix.

### Note:

For darker strength mb colours such as viridian green and aquamarine blue etc 40 parts water to 1 part paint for washes.

1 part paint to 20 parts for mottle. Pouncing necessary.

(I've experienced no beading with above mix ratios) if you are following My mix ratios and experience beading, oil residue would still remain on your kit.

## Skin Booster

Skin booster is a product designed to boost the details in the translucent skin you have created. It will also add more translucencies to your already translucent skin.

You can water down Skin Booster before application or apply at full strength.

You should use matte sealer over skin booster to matte down the satin effect.

You do not need to use skin booster.

You can heat set Skin Booster using an oven at 260F to 265F for approximately 8-10 minutes.

## Thin Medium

1. Thin medium was designed to act like heat set thinning medium. It is used when you wish to apply a thicker paint.
2. Wet the area before applying your mix to enhance performance for blending.
3. Use a small brush in a pouncing action to blend creases.
4. Thin Medium will slow your drying time further. Add some to your paint mixes to add more drying time.
5. Ratio - Do not exceed 50% of paint.



## Storing pre-mixed paint.

You can store paint pre-mixes in air tight containers.

## Shelf life of paint

You will find the shelf life is the same as all acrylic paints. It must be kept air tight to prevent it drying out.

## Painting ldc kits

Use Ldc paint stripper if you need to strip the doll. Follow their instructions as this is a special vinyl.

Can I use other acrylic brand matte sealers over Miracle Blend paint?

Many reborn artists use other acrylic products successfully with air dry paint.

If you want to try other brands of acrylic products we suggest you ask other users of Miracle Blend paint to see which they have found works well before testing a new product on your expensive kit.

## Beading and areas not taking paint.

Beading will result if you have not removed all oils from your vinyl. Follow our prepping instructions.

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Your washes may be too thin, please look above at Ratios to see if your washes are too thin.

You may find an area may not be taking paint. Coat in matte sealer before proceeding.



## Solutions to Beading.

Coat your vinyl or the area in MB Matte Sealer before proceeding.

Add a drop of MB matte sealer to your paint mixes. Some Vinyl Kits can take several coats before the beading stops.

## Fading

1. All acrylic paint reacts with chlorine which causes paint to fade. You may have noticed your paint has faded over the last few days after painting?
2. Tap water contains Chlorine and different countries will have more or less Chlorine in their tap water.
3. Boiling water may not remove all chlorine in the tap water.
4. Purified water may also contain traces of Chlorine.
5. Use Distilled water if you are concerned about fading. You can purchase distilled water at your local hardware store and most reborn stores.

## Shine

1. Shine can occur for several reasons with either heat set or air dry paint. It could be the vinyl or the products used. Usually for heat set it happens during the baking process.
2. You may not like using MB Primer due to its satin/shine effect. It will dull down after several washes as MB paint is Matte based.
3. You may choose to substitute our primer for our matte sealer to stop beginning with a shiny or satin kit.
4. Never add primer into your paint mixes or you will be adding shine to every layer, use matte sealer if this is your preferred method when using air dry paint.
5. You can matte the vinyl at any point throughout your painting process to rid shine.

## Can I heat set Miracle blend paint?

Yes you can heat set MB paints including the following mediums, Primer, Matte Sealer and Skin Booster.

Using an oven at 260F to 265F for approximately 8-10 minutes.



## What does 72 hour curing time mean?

72 hours is a time frame for all air dry paint which means your work should be completely cured and ready to begin using our mediums and root hair. It is meant to allow for different climates. Cold, hot and be a maximum time frame.

Air dry paint is constantly curing once a layer of paint is added, you can continue to paint layer after layer during curing. Once the paint is touch dry you can add another layer etc. This is a benefit of air dry paint meaning that you do not have to bake each layer wasting time.

You can speed up the curing process by choosing to heat set Miracle Blend paint. Using an oven at 260F to 265F for approximately 8-10 minutes.

## Why is my paint not dry after the 72 hour curing time?

There can be several reasons. The first will be due to climate, remember that air dry paint dries in its environment so if it is winter it may take longer to cure.

It could be due to how thick your layers of paint are applied. The thicker the paint is applied the longer it will take to dry.

All the oils may not have been removed. This will mean your paint has set on the oil and not the vinyl. Give your work a full week to dry before you decided this is the issue as it could be due to climate and the thickness of layers.

You can speed up the process by heat setting MB paint. Using an oven at 260F to 265F for approximately 8-10 minutes.



## What can I do to make the paint dry faster during painting?

Kits should be ready to continue painting once you have finished painting all your limbs but if it is cold it could take a little longer to be touch dry. You can use a normal hair dryer on the cool setting after you paint each layer if you wish.

You can choose to heat set your paint throughout the painting process to cure the paint. Using an oven at 260F to 265F for approximately 8-10 minutes.

## Can I use cheap kits with Miracle Blend Paint?

Yes, just make sure you spend more time removing oils as our users have found that the cheaper kits seem to contain more oils and factory moulding oils.

## Spots appeared on the vinyl?

This would be drips of paint that formed when drying on the rack. Use correction fluid to remove them and always check your limbs while they are drying to pounce away drips.

## Pigment powders with Miracle Blend

We 100% support pigment powders being used with our paint and love the ease and end result.

If you find when you use MB matte sealer your pigments lift, it is the pigment powders that have not been worked into the vinyl correctly.

Pigment powders are used to stain the vinyl, you must use a clean brush or cosmetic wedge to remove the rest of the powders before sealing.

### Sue-ellen Taormina

A very generous reborn artist who introduced the pigment powder technique you may have heard about (Liveeffectstutorials and tips by Sue-ellen) Sue-Ellen promotes MB paint as being the best paint to use with pigment powder for best results.

You must seal the paint with either MB Matte sealer or an acrylic based matte sealer. Please follow this link for powder instructions.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1426509730975900/>

MB Thick Medium can not be used as a sealer as it does not adhere onto the powders and will peel. Use MB Matte sealer to seal powder before using thick medium.

## What is so great about Miracle Blend Air dry paint?

MB paint is the most heavily pigmented air dry paint on the reborn market. This means you are going to find our paint not only lasts you an extremely long time, only needing to add a little paint to water ratio but it is also comparable to the quality of leading Artist acrylic paint on the craft market.

MB air dry paint is the most comparable to heat set paint on the market! This is why so many heat set users are adapting to MB air dry.

Air dry paint is the safest way to paint without using harsh chemicals and breathing in baking fumes. All who have had lung or other medical issues due to using heat set paint have found improvement since using Miracle Blend paints.

MB paint is not like other air dry paints where add bonding agents and other products to make it stick or dry slower is required. MB does all this on its own, simply add water.

Other Air Dry paint requires retarders to be added to your mix which will dilute the colour of paint. Unfortunately this means your hard work will never have the intensity of heat set paint. Miracle Blend has changed that! Miracle Blend babies and heat set babies are now side by side.

MB paint gives even more translucency than heat set paint, ask other users! They all swear by the results being better than they ever had with heat set paint.

MB paint when mixed can be stored in air tight containers, just like heat set paint. No wastage as can be the case with other air dry paint that dries almost instantly.

MB paint lightens slightly once dry, just like heat set paint. This makes it easier for Heat set artist to continue their regular painting regime and mix intensities.

MB paint stands up well next to heat set paints

1. Only needing to add a little paint to water ratio,
2. Cost effective you will find you rarely need to restock our colours.
3. Paint will not dry up in minutes in your mixing bowl
4. Does not bead and paints on vinyl
5. Can be used to neutralise vinyls and colour corrects unlike other air dry paint on the market.



MB paint does not need a primer! It paints right onto oil free vinyl.

MB paint colours have been chosen to mimic heat set paint colours assisting on ease of transition from heat set to MB air dried paints.

MB paint has a slow drying time, meaning you don't have to add anything to your paint except water!

MB have created never before seen products such as Correction fluid which removes partially cured paint.

MB Skin Booster is something that gives your skin an even more translucent effect! Its absolutely one of the most amazing products.

MB are the first reborn paint supplier to discover refillable water brush pens that have a constant flow, you will love how easy they are to use. Many are finding that their eyebrow and hair painting has improved since discovering these amazing pens.

MB are the only company who have a specially modified refillable water brush pens just for painting hair! You will find that heat set artists are using our paint and pens for hair and eyebrows it's that great!

## INSTRUCTIONS of USE and tutorials

<http://miracleblend.blogspot.com.au/.../preparing-your-vinyl-...>

<http://miracleblend.webs.com/Miracle%20Blend%20Instructions...>

[http://www.adriessdolls.com/help.php?section=miracle\\_blend](http://www.adriessdolls.com/help.php?section=miracle_blend)

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## VIDEO TUTORIALS

With MacPherson Arts & Crafts and Shelley Doupe.

### LESSON #1

How To use the NEW Miracle Blend Air Dry Paint "Base Coat"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-03\\_5I3J6k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-03_5I3J6k)

### LESSON #2

How to use Miracle Blend Air Dry Paint to add the "Skin Mottling" Layer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gr0r9oQInE>

### LESSON #3

How To Enhance Creases and Wrinkles using Miracle Blend Air Dry Paint

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G\\_dnqrV3uFw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_dnqrV3uFw)

### LESSON #4

How to paint Veins with Miracle Blend Air Dry Paint

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uX1HXUHCtto>

### LESSON #5

How to add Rouge with Miracle Blend Air Dry Paint

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NooFEldkR1c>

### LESSON #6

How to use Miracle Blend Air Dry Paint for the Finishing Layers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FyAfgUG653Q>

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## STOCKISTS

### AUSTRALIA

<http://www.tinytotsnursery.com.au>

### DENMARK

<https://reborn-in-denmark.com>

### NORTH AMERICA, USA

<https://www.macphersoncrafts.com>

### EUROPE, UK.

<http://adriessdolls.com>

### TASMANIA

<http://www.ozdollyreborns.com>

### USA

<http://www.dollsbysandie.com>

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