

How To Use The Sparkle Paints

The Sparkle Paints are a special blend of paint that has little dust motes of sparkle dust added to give them that little bit of sparkle that you see.

Because of the motes of sparkle dust in it, you have to keep wiping your tips off. The sparkle dust builds up on the outside of your tip and can cause your lines to be jagged looking and cause you to go out of the lines in close places.

Because of the sparkle in them, you can use them to streak on a window to make it appear to be there, or you can streak it into the water to make it look like the sun or moon is reflecting off of it. You can use it on eyes (especially the 340, Sparkle Accent) over what you normally paint the eyes, to add that gleam caused by the eye being wet.

You can do whole pictures with them so that the picture has a little bit of glitz to it.

The Sparkle Paints are soft enough once they are heat set, that using them on towels and wash clothes, or using them on pillowcases is not a problem.

If you gently rub the Sparkle Paints with the Fiber Blenders (C369), you can cause them to look a little more like pearlized paints. When you use the Fiber Blender on Sparkle Paint, it picks up some of the dust motes of sparkle dust, which makes it look less sparkly, and more like pearl.

To smooth the Sparkle Paint into the material, use the side of your tip, or one of the paint caps (put it on the eraser of a pencil and it's easier to control) to smooth the paint and push it into the material.

If you're putting the Sparkle Paint on something that is a certain shape, like the hearts or a sun or moon, actually put the paint on in that shape. If it's the sun, start on the inside or outside and just keep enlarging or diminishing the circle. On a heart do one side at a time in that shape, gradually straightening the line as you get to the center of the heart. That way when you're done with the object, the sparkle in the paint catches the light and adds to the dimension of it. When you push it into the material, use the same motion so you don't take away from what you have just done.

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If you want to add just a little sparkle to the water, instead of using the tip to put the Sparkle Paint on, use rag painting. (Wad up a small piece of rag. Put a

little 340 or 137 out on a mini palette. With your scrunched up piece of rag, wipe up a little of the paint, then smear it onto the design where you need it. (Use a light stroke and have your hand moving before you put it down on the design.) You can do the same thing to add a little glitter to the snow on a mountain or snow lying on the ground.

You could, also, put your Sparkle Paint in the mini palette, then add a couple of drops of water to thin it out a little, then use the technique described above.

If you want to put shadows in something that you are using Sparkle Paints on, put the shadow color (say 116, 111, 126, 151, etc.) on first where you want your shadow to be, then put your Sparkle Paint right over it. The Sparkle Paint is transparent enough that the shadow color will show through on your finished painting.

Okay – that’s all I can think of right now. Use your Sparkle Paints and enjoy!!