

Before you start you will need the following...

- Your mug or plate
- Letters (provided)
- Paint and brush (provided)
- Tissues, Scissors, Craft knife
- A shallow bowl filled with a small amount of water
- Cotton buds for cleaning up any mistakes
- A clean rag and some water for wiping and rinsing your brush



Instructions for painting the mugs and plates:

Find a quiet spot with a protected surface and get comfortable. Make sure your mug or plate is clean and dry. Have a think about how you might like to paint your item before you start. Perhaps start with the lightest colour first then follow through to the darkest colour. Sometimes it's best if you paint one colour at a time. You may find that in the smaller area you will need to turn the paintbrush on its side and dab rather than use long strokes. Some colours cover more solidly than others. If you want a deeper tone, wait for the paint to dry and paint another coat over the top. Not every colour needs to be used and, in some instances, you may prefer to leave a small area white.

If you don't like your product when you get to the end, lightly scrub the colours off and start again. You will have enough paint for several goes to perfect your masterpiece.

Instructions for applying letters:

Think about the sort of message you would like to put on your mug or plate. You can use names, greetings, a funny phrase or anything you like! Mix upper and lower case letters for a bit of fun too. Individually cut out the letters. Leave a little bit of white space around each letter but try to trim as close as you can. When you have finished cutting out the letters, lay them out on your mug or plate to double check the wording and positioning.

Now, carefully place each cut out letter face-up into the bowl of water. Leave them to soak for 2 minutes. It is important to keep the letters facing upwards in the bowl. One letter at a time, place your finger on top of the letter and gently slide the letter off its backing paper. Keeping the letter on your finger, lift it out of the bowl and place it directly onto your mug or plate in the position you want it. Place all of your letters onto your mug or plate in this way. While the letters are still wet on your mug or plate, you can gently move them if you want to adjust their position. You may like to leave the letters slightly askew for a quirky look. Using the tissue paper, gently apply pressure on the letters to remove any excess water.

To finish your creation:

When complete, leave in a dry place to dry for 24hrs. Be patient... once dry, you need to remove the clear plastic film from each letter. Using the craft knife, gently lift the edge of the film, peel it off and remove. Then, place on a baking tray and bake for 20 mins at 140 degrees Celsius. Leave to cool completely before using.

Tip: If you want to place your letters on a coloured area that you have painted, make sure you bake the painted mug or plate first. You can then apply the lettering and bake it a second time to set the letters.

What are you waiting for? Pick up your paintbrush and get creative!

**CARE & USE:** Before first use, wash mug or plate and dry thoroughly. Microwave safe. After use, hand wash baked item gently with mild detergent and leave to dry thoroughly. Do not use in dishwasher. Do not place item next to any direct heat source. Overheating may cause discolouration of the paint. Do not place hot food on the painted plate. Avoid heavy use of cutlery and other abrasive materials as the colour may scratch off. Colours may fade with use but can be over-painted using the instructions above.

Designed for adults. Suitable for children 8 years and over with adult supervision.

**WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD** - Small parts. Keep out of reach of children under 3 years old.

Paint is non-toxic, water based acrylic paint. It does not contain heavy metals, lead or toxic solvents. It is still advisable to avoid contact with eyes, skin, clothes, benchtops and other surfaces. Wipe or wash paint stains with cold water (and soap) immediately.