

How to use a Diamond Painting Pen

Diamond painting is a craft that's similar to paint by number, only instead of paint, tiny jewel-like beads are used to fill the designated areas on a canvas. The result is a sparkling, colourful work of art that can be hung on the wall or framed.

Tools

Most basic diamond painting kits come with everything needed to complete the project.

- A selection of beads
- A slotted bead tray
- A diamond painting pen (applicator)
- Pen attachments, known as "drills"
- A portion of diamond painting wax
- A canvas with a colour-coded pattern and sticky coating to secure the beads.

Experienced diamond painters often opt for custom made diamond pens with a range of special drills. Some of these drills are called "multi-placers" because they pick up a number of beads at one time, allowing the crafter to fill large areas more efficiently.



Instructions

1. Pour some coloured beads into the tray, allowing them to fall into the slots, which make it easier to pick them up.
2. Peel up one corner of the protective plastic on the canvas, revealing a small area to begin.
3. Remove the plastic coating from the wax.
4. Press the hollow tip of the pen into the wax. A small amount of wax will stick to it.
5. Use the wax-tipped pen to pick up a bead.
6. Place the bead in the correct place on the canvas according to the pattern.

To fill a larger area, swap out the drill for a multi-placer attachment which can place up to ten beads at a time. Follow the same instructions as above.

