



Getting to Know
**PLAYCOLOR Water-Soluble
 Solid Tempera Sticks**

Frequently Asked Questions

Are they washable?

Within reason, some pigments may stain.

Are they non-toxic?

Yes, they carry the ASTM D-4236 designation, as well as several European safety standards.

What sizes do they come in?

Sizes: Standard (10g), Thin (5g) and Mural (40g)

What colors do they come in?

Colors: Matte: White, Black, Dark Green, Light Green, Dark Blue, Light Blue, Orange, Yellow, Red, Purple, Pink and Brown
 Metallic: Silver, Gold, Green, Purple, Blue, Magenta

What assortments do they come in?

- Matte Standard Assortment of 6, 12, 144 Sticks and Individual Colors Standard Size Sets of 12
- Matte Thin/Pocket Assortment of 6, 12 Sticks
- Matte Mural Assortment of 12 - 1 of each color Stick
- Metallic Standard Assortment of 2, 6, 72 Sticks
- Metallic Thin/Pocket Assortment of 2, 6, 72 Sticks
- Metallic Mural Assortment of 12 - 4 Silver, 4 Gold, 1 Stick of Green, Purple, Blue and Magenta

How long will one stick last?

Each standard stick will cover approximately 7.5 square feet of space.

What surface(s) can it be used on?

Paper, cardboard, fabric, plaster, canvas, glass and dry erase boards. It works best on porous surfaces as this aids in drying.

Can I use tempera varnish over it?

Yes, but it is not necessary as the paint will dry quickly and will not crack or feel chalky.

Are they archival?

Each color is reasonably light fast.

Will they dry out? What is the shelf life?

If left uncovered they will dry out. When sealed, the product has a shelf life of 2-4 years.

Will they freeze?

They will freeze at very low temperature, but will remain usable even in sub-zero temperatures.



Can they be melted?

Yes, they will melt. At about 140 degrees Fahrenheit they will melt.

Can they be reshaped/sharpened?

Yes, this is usually done with a sharp edged utensil.

What age group are these for?

Ages 3+.

Do you need to use water with them?

No, but you can use water after they have been drawn with to create a watercolor effect.

Can you layer the colors?

Yes, if you allow the tempera to dry, you can layer a different color on top with excellent results.

How long does it take to dry?

Less than 2 minutes, while traditional tempera paint takes up to 10 minutes.

Will it crack when flexing the paper?

No, it will not crack and is flexible.

Tips: Water-Soluble Solid Tempera Sticks work great for drawing, color mixing/blending, and watercolor. For fine lines, use the edge of the sticks. Press down slightly and it looks like wax. Press down harder and it looks like paint.



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