

Suncatcher Craft Eyes

Glitter Craft Eyes Painting Instructions

These instructions are for acrylic glitter paint only. FolkArt and Glamour Dust by DecoArt glitter paints are nontoxic and sold in most craft stores.

Supplies you will need:

- ✿ A palette for paint and blending
- ✿ A good brush that has bristles firmly attached and close together
- ✿ An acrylic glitter paint (adheres best to clear craft eyes)
(Brands I recommend are FolkArt, DecoArt for glitter paints)
- ✿ Paper towel or cloth
- ✿ Water for cleaning the brush
- ✿ Somewhere the eyes can sit for up to 48 hours without being disturbed

Step 1: Choose your color. Glitter paints can be mixed to get your desired color. Mix slowly so bubbles will not form as you mix.

Step 2: Wipe the backs of the craft eyes with a soft cloth and check that they are free of particles.

Step 3: Make sure your brush bristles are in good condition and close together. If the bristles are splayed out, they can be wet with water and reshaped and allowed to dry.

Step 4: Pick up a small amount of paint and apply the paint to the back of a craft eye. As you get the feel of how the paint goes on, you can pick up more paint until you find what works best for that size eye. Apply a thin coat.

Step 5: Allow the eyes to dry completely. This may take up to 72 hours depending on temperature and humidity level. A small fan blowing on the eyes helps speed up drying. When you think the eyes are dry, test them for tackiness. The eyes should not be tacky when they are ready to use.

Step 6: If the glitter color is not saturated enough, repeat steps 4 and 5.

Step 7: Wash your brush and palette with water. Form the brush to the shape you want before it dries.

TIPS:

1. Glitter paint does not hold up well in high-heat conditions. Store the glitter craft eyes in a cool dry place. Glitter painted craft eyes cannot be mailed in the summer or to places that are very hot. The paint will melt.
2. Removing bubbles: Bubbles may form as you are painting the eyes. To remove the bubbles, hold the eye by the stem and gently tap it on a flat surface. If that doesn't work, use your brush to gently move the bubbles to the edge of the eye and off the eye. Don't poke at the bubbles with the brush as that will make more bubbles.

3. It is best to apply a few thin coats instead of one thick coat as the glitter paint may not completely dry for a long time with a thick coat.
4. Experiment and have fun! Glitter paint is easy to mix to make new colors.
5. To make multi-color eyes, apply 1 color and let dry. Then apply another color and let that dry. Repeat as many colors as you like. Polka dots can be made this way too.
6. If you get paint on the stem and want to remove it, remove it while the paint is still wet.

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to contact me anytime at support@suncatchereyes.com