



Let's Begin . . .

Your workplace should be clean and covered with plastic or newspapers. The paint can stain so be sure to cover the whole workspace. Wear a smock, apron or a shirt that's ok to get paint on. You'll need a paper towel to wipe off any mistakes and to wipe your brush dry, a cup of water for cleaning your brush and a strip of tin foil for mixing paints on. Some extras might include, a toothpick for drawing small designs, a ruler to draw straight lines, magazines or books to get some creative ideas, cotton swabs, stencils and any other art & craft supplies you may have.

Painting Tips & Ideas . . .

- Try sketching out your ideas on a piece of paper first. Choose your favorite or use them all.
- When changing colors, be sure to rinse the brush off well using water and wipe the brush dry with the paper towel.
- Add white paint to any color to create a lighter shade.
- Can't find the exact color you want? Try mixing paints together to make the perfect color.
- When creating new colors, mix them on a small piece of tinfoil so you can still use the original colors if you choose.
- Toothpicks or the end of your paint brush are great tools for making thin lines or small polka-dots.
- Make a mistake? Wipe it off with a paper towel before it dries, but remember - sometimes mistakes can be the start of a great new design!

- Dry Paint? Mix in a little water - one drop at a time.
- Stuck for creative ideas? Open those books and magazines! You can get some great ideas from a lot of places!

Curing

Curing is the process of preserving a product. In this case we are preserving your pottery so you can use it over and over and protect your designs. Here's how it works...

- 1.) Before you do anything, get an adults help. the pieces will cook in an oven and will be very hot, so you'll need help.
- 2.) To protect your colors, allow the pottery to dry for one day before baking. If you bake it too soon, the colors will dull.
- 3.) Place the pieces separately onto a cookie sheet and place the sheet into a cool oven.
- 4.) Heat oven to 250° for 30 minutes. Remove the sheet from the oven when the oven has cooled.
- 5.) Allow your pottery to cool completely before using.

Curing your pottery will make the design you created permanent. To wash the tea set, use mild detergent and wash by hand. Although the paints are non-toxic, we recommend painting only the outside of pottery used to eat or drink out of.