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*The **Earth Safe Finishes** product line was developed for the health of the creative artist that lies within all of us. It was also developed for the health of our environment. In the past there has been disregard for the well being of people and planet. **Earth Safe Finishes** has put a stop to this by developing an entire line of products that are not only safe for the environment, but safe for the individual. No fumes, no toxins, no heavy metals to inhale and remain in your body. Breathe freely.*

*Children, those affected with chemical sensitivities or allergies, babies, moms—all benefit from the extensive research and development we have done.*

*This booklet gives easy-to-follow directions to create remarkable results, whether you're a novice or an advanced artist.*

*There is creativity within all of us. Express it safely with Earth Safe Finishes. Made in USA*

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### **Colorants**

There are 24 **Earth Safe Finishes Colorants**. Each is a liquid, packaged in a dropper bottle for fine control. Gently shake the bottle to mix well before using in any of the following recipes. The **Colorants** are liquid pigments that act like dyes.

#### **Ink for rubber-stamping on paper**

Moisten a dry rubber-stamp pad with **Earth Safe Finishes Extender**. Drip **Colorant** on the wet pad until the surface is evenly colored. Ink the stamp with the Colorant mixture and press firmly on a paper surface. Apply additional **Extender** and **Colorant**, as needed.

#### **Alcohol ink**

Pour a small amount of isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol in a small bottle. Add **Colorant**, a drop at a time, until the desired saturation is achieved. Use in place of alcohol inks in your favorite technique.

#### **Inks in a refillable marker**

Use an ink syringe to fill an empty (refillable) marker with your choice of **Colorant**. Store the marker with the tip up, rather than down.

#### **Stencil Cream for paper**

Spray a small amount of fragrance-free shaving cream on a paper plate. Add **Colorant**, one drop at a time, until the desired color intensity is achieved. Colors will dry slightly

darker than in the cream mixture. Smooth the cream through the holes in a stencil with a foam brush or apply with a stencil brush.

### **Screen-printing ink for paper**

Spray a small amount of fragrance-free shaving cream on a paper plate. Add **Colorant** and a few drops of water to create a thinned cream, perfect for applying through a silk screen.

### **Paint for Paper**

Pour  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup water in a small (recycled) plastic cup or tub. Add **Colorant**, one drop at a time, until the desired color intensity is achieved. Mix a pinch or two of **Ultra Thick** thickening crystals into the cup and allow the mixture to thicken for several minutes. If it is not thick enough, add another pinch of **Ultra Thick**. If the mixture is too thick, add a few drops of water and mix thoroughly.

## **Colorants + Fabric Magic**

### **Immersion Dye**

Make your own dye bath for immersion techniques with 1 tablespoon **Fabric Magic**, 1 cup water, and drops of **Colorant** until the desired color intensity is achieved. Immerse the fabric or fiber in the dye mixture. The fabric instantly absorbs color. Dip and squeeze out excess, while wearing rubber gloves; lay flat to dry. Once the fiber is dry, heat-set with a hot, dry iron. After curing for 24 hours, it is hand washable and machine washable.

### **Spray-on Dye**

Mix 1 tablespoon **Fabric Magic**, 1 cup water, and **Colorant**. Place in a spray-pump bottle. Apply on fabric, using your favorite spray-on technique. Allow the fabric to air dry, and heat-set with a hot, dry iron. After curing for 24 hours, it is hand washable and machine washable.

### **Fabric markers**

Mix a few drops of **Fabric Magic** with your choice of **Colorant** in a recycled container. Use an ink syringe to fill an empty (refillable) marker with the mixture. Store the marker with the tip up, rather than down.

### **Stencil cream for Fabric**

Spray a small amount of fragrance-free shaving cream on a paper plate. Mix several drops of **Fabric Magic** and **Colorant** into the cream to achieve the desired color intensity. Colors will dry slightly darker than the shaving cream mixture. Allow the fabric to air dry, and heat-set with a hot, dry iron. After curing for 24 hours it is hand washable and machine washable.

### **Screen-printing ink for fabric**

Mix a small amount of fragrance-free shaving cream and several drops of water on a paper plate, add several drops of **Fabric Magic** and **Colorant** to achieve the desired color intensity. Apply through the silk screen with a squeegee. Colors will dry slightly

darker than the shaving cream mixture. Allow the fabric to air dry, and heat-set with a hot, dry iron. After curing for 24 hours, it is hand washable and machine washable.

### **Stroke-on Fabric paint**

Stroke-on fabric paint is easy to make with **Colorant**, **Fabric Magic**, water, and **Ultra Thick** thickener crystals. Pour ¼ cup water into a small paper or plastic cup. Mix ½ teaspoon **Fabric Magic**, and several drops of **Colorant** in the water. Add a pinch of thickener crystals to the water mixture and stir thoroughly. Allow the mixture to thicken for several minutes, and apply the paint on fabric with a brush. Allow the fabric to air dry, and heat-set with a hot, dry iron. After curing for 24 hours, it is hand washable and machine washable.

## **Tackifier**

### **As a Stencil Adhesive**

Apply **Tackifier** on the wrong side of a stencil with a sponge brush, sponge roller, or paper towel. Allow to dry until clear. The adhesive will grip the fabric and prevent stencil cream from wicking underneath and blurring the image. Allow the fabric to air dry, and heat-set with a hot, dry iron. After curing for 24 hours, it is hand washable and machine washable.

### **As a Foil Adhesive**

Brush or stencil **Tackifier** on the fabric surface. Allow to dry until clear. Cover adhesive area with craft foil (shiny side up). Iron with a dry iron set on “cotton.” Allow to cool just a few seconds, peel the clear film off, leaving the foil on the adhesive. The foiled fabric is hand washable and air dry-able. Do not iron, do not dry-clean.

For use with composition gold/silver leaf, apply **Tackifier** on fabric or paper and allow it to dry approximately 5 minutes. Place composition leaf on top, with shiny side up. Press in place firmly with your fingers. Cover with a piece of paper or baking parchment and press with a dry iron set on cotton. Brush excess away with a soft brush. Foiled fabric is hand-washable and air-dryable. Do not iron; do not dry-clean.

### **Make-Your-Own Sticky Notes**

Apply a strip of **Tackifier** on the wrong side of any paper surface. Allow **Tackifier** to dry until clear; the paper is now repositionable.

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