



## Tips for Success with your FabricMate Brush Tip Pens

Store pens laying flat with caps on tight-do not stand your pens in a cup...this accelerates drying-out.

Store in a zip-lock bag between uses.

Color lightly, using the side of the pen. Do not bear down hard on the point. Let the pen do most of the work. Color from the outside edge toward the center, using a "brushing" stroke, lightening your pressure as you follow through on the stroke. This technique will give you a nice even color. If you leave a white space in the center of the object you are coloring, you can fill it with a second color to highlight your work.

Pressing hard may cause bleeding and it will shorten the life of the pen. Go easy!

If you are blending colors, let the first color dry 10 minutes before applying the second color. This will prevent picking up dark colors on light pen tips.

If you need to do outlining, use the tip of the pen LIGHTLY- let the pen do the work. Bearing down on the tip will make it "mushy" and shorten its life span.

Use 100% cotton. Do not pre-wash fabric. Do not put tape or freezer paper on the back until you are ready to put a signature on your work. Tape or freezer paper at that stage will keep your item from slipping around as you sign. We do not recommend using these pens for signatures. Try PermaWriter or another permanent, hard tip pen.

Let the item you're coloring air dry overnight, then heat set with a hot iron.

We recommend washing to test for colorfastness after you have completely colored, signed, and heat set your work.