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## Pottery Art-to-Go Kits Tips and Tricks

### Pottery Painting Art-to-Go Kits How To's

1. **Wash your hands** before you begin, as oils and lotions can affect your finished piece.
2. **Use ONLY the glazes provided** on your pottery. Nothing else.
3. **Paint 3 coats maximum**; Let each coat dry before applying the next; And keep track of your coats.
  - 1 coat of paint = a soft, watercolor look
  - 2 coats of paint = deeper color, with brushstrokes visible
  - 3 coats of paint = solid, opaque coverage
4. **Paint light colors first**. Light paints are sheer over dark paints. So, paint your light colors first, then add your darker colors on top.
5. **Don't paint your piece white**. It's not needed, because we will glaze your piece before firing, and all unpainted areas will be shiny white.
6. **Have a little "art oops"?** No worries! Nothing is permanent until it's fired. Refine that "oops" with a toothpick, or a damp Q-tip or sponge.
7. **Aprons aren't needed** for pottery painting. These colors are water soluble, and won't stain clothing.
8. Don't go over 3 coats, or your piece may "shiver" (i.e., glaze could flake off, or push back and create bare spots). Shivered pottery pieces are not safe to use, and cannot be returned to you after firing.
9. **Avoid too many coats of paint on the rim:**
  - Either: Paint the rim of your piece when you paint the top side of the pottery.
  - Or: Paint the rim of your piece when you paint the bottom side of the pottery.
  - Never allow 6 coats of paint to accumulate on the rim!
10. **Watch your children**, and "Just Say No" to kids' globbing paint on the pottery, painting the same spot continuously for hours, or pouring paint directly onto the piece from the containers. Remember: Just three proper coats, and stop!
11. **Allow pottery to air-dry overnight**, then wrap them in the materials provided, and return them to ARTrageous for firing. Leave the receipt attached to the bag for convenience when you drop the pieces off. Your fired pottery will be ready for pick-up in two weeks. We don't call ... just come in on the promise date to pick up your masterpiece.

