

Maintain your acrylic paint supplies:

Do:

Rinse every single time you leave your brushes, even if just for a moment.

Use a pallet knife (an old butter knife is fine) to mix colors on the pallet so as to not waste paint or use your brush roughly.

Try to **keep the paint off the metal**, so that the paint doesn't go up inside the brush.

Wash with soap and water after finished. (If you rinse effectively as you go along you may not need to do this). This will keep the bristles soft and free of dry paint.

Store with bristles up so the brush doesn't get crinkled.

Put the **lids on tight** so the paint tubes don't dry up.

Squirt out **only the paint you're going to use** so you don't waste any.

Squeeze the tubes up from the bottom to get all the paint and not break a hole in the tube.

Don't:

Don't leave your brushes bristle down in your rinse cup.

Don't store the brushes wet. This could cause the bristles to rot.

Don't store your paints in extreme temperatures. This may affect the binding medium.

And, **don't run the brushes through the dishwasher!**

