# Paintertainment

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### PRACTICE MAKES PROGRESS

We've all heard the old saying, "practice makes perfect." However, I say that if you think you paint perfectly, you are missing out on opportunities for growth. I am constantly looking for ways to improve my craft, whether it be working on technical aspects like teardrops or working on subject matters and techniques that I'm not accustomed to. Many artists find that after a while, they run out of willing models. Their own kids grow tired of being painted and run to hide when Mom's kit comes out. I've even heard of many artists bribing their kids with money or other awards for acting as a model! If only they knew how lucky they were, right?! Your friends and neighbors' kids may be willing but not always available at the moment inspiration strikes you. What do you do to practice? Here are a few other options when you begin to use up your own friends and family:

#### PRACTICE HEADS:

Try asking your local beauty school if they have any used practice heads that they don't need. You may even get one for free! Or, click HERE to find them in our online store.

#### PAPER TEMPLATES:

We are now offering some cute 2-sided templates with a front and side view of the face to practice your designs. They are laminated and can easily be wiped off and used over and over. Click HERE to find them in the shop.

#### PRACTICE SKIN:

Some artists like to use the same flat sheets of practice skin that tattoo artists use. Simply do a search online for "tattoo practice skin" and you'll find many options!

#### BALLOONS & BALLS:

Some artists like to practice on balloons when working out designs for things like belly paintings or head paintings. However, be careful doing this as painting on latex can be harmful to your customers with latex allergies if you contaminate your paint kit. As an alternative, try painting a beach ball!

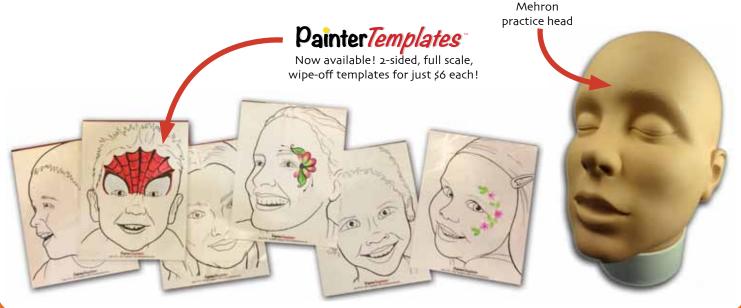
#### THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

If you have a local charity event that you'd like to donate your time to, this can be great for practice, as long as you don't

become known as the artist who paints for free at events. I find that when practicing on the general public, I prefer to be the one making all of the decisions as far as where, when, and how long to paint. Try setting up in a local park and offer free painting to the kids playing. Or, volunteer at your own kids' school or place of worship when asked for donations.

#### **YOURSELF:**

It took me many years to get good at painting myself in a mirror, especially with my very poor eyesight with my glasses off. However, if you can practice enough to get good at this, you will always have a patient and willing model!



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