

# Paintertainment

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## glitter

poof, dab, squeeze, spray, dust, or brush?

It's a question asked by just about everyone who is new to face painting and building their kit: **How do you apply your glitter?** And like many face painting questions, the answers you get from professionals is likely: "it depends!"

There are many ways to apply glitter. Some artists choose one and stick with it, while others may use them all depending on the type of design they are creating. I started as the former, only using my fingertip to dab on glitter for probably the first 15 years of my career. Now am the latter. I love all the new tools and products out there for applying glitter, and which one I choose depends on the design.

This month I'm giving you a brief overview of the different methods of applying glitter, including a few pro's and con's. The best way to decide what to use, though, is to try them all and find what works for you. Tools and processes are very personal things for artists, so have some fun experimenting and find your own preference.

Be sure to check out the "Bling" section in our shop to see our recently expanded selection of cosmetic glitters, and find the new pump bottles and Pixie Paints! 🌟



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**Poof:** Poof bottles give you fairly good control and can cover large areas quickly. However, you do end up with a lot of fallout (extra loose glitter blowing away & falling off). This method is good for giving the whole design a coat of glitter, or just specific areas with certain colors. It takes some practice to master the right angle and amount of squeezing to minimize loss and maximize control & coverage.

**Dab:** Keeping your loose glitter in small jars enables you to dip in your fingertip and dab it onto the design while the paint is still wet. The pressure of your fingertip also helps ensure that more glitter sticks with less fallout. This method takes longer when you need to cover a large area, but is great for smaller designs or designs where you want more control over what glitter colors go where. You also have control over the opacity. Downsides are the potential of tipping & spilling your glitter, and cleaning your fingertips.

**Squeeze:** Glitter gel products like Liquid Bling enable you to create fine lines and details with some texture. Control is excellent & precise, and there is no fallout because the glitter is mixed with the gel. This product has a longer dry time due to the thickness of the gel, and is not ideal for covering large areas with glitter.

**Spray:** Our new powder dispensing pump bottles are great for spraying on loose glitter over large areas. It is easier to get even coverage vs a poof bottle, and keeps your fingers cleaner than the dabbing method. Mehron's glitter spray has the glitter mixed with a liquid, so it comes out with the moisture needed to stick. However, you need to be careful not to get your painting too wet. Spray methods are nice & fast, although provide less control.

**Dust:** Glitter dispensing brushes work well to apply ultra fine glitter dust. Remove the cap to expose the brush, then dust over the design. It provides as much control as the size of the brush head. The paint has to be dry enough not to smear, but not too dry that it won't stick. This works well to create a fine coating of overall sparkle when you're not concerned about containing the glitter to certain spots.

**Brush:** The new Pixie Paints now in the shop have chunky glitters mixed with aloe gel, giving you excellent control with no fallout. It does moisten the paint underneath so is best over large color blocks or bare skin to avoid smearing. Glitter goes right where you put it, and more layers give more opacity. You can also add more loose glitter to the gel before it dries with a fingertip. Some artists also apply their loose glitter using a dry brush over the paint, providing excellent control.

# What's News?



## On Youtube:

Finally! A video of REAL TIME face painting being done at a REAL GIG! Check it out on our channel now!



## NEW Products:

This month we've expanded our glitter assortment, added a glitter tattoo section, and opened up the Halloween Shop! Check it out today!



## Exciting Events

This week I hosted my first ever belly painting jam and it was a blast! Watch for a blog recap soon, & find me teaching in Belgium next month!



# OWL



Find this and 23 more fun designs on our newly re-designed Halloween cheek art menus, available Sept 20th!

## September Coupon Code!

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